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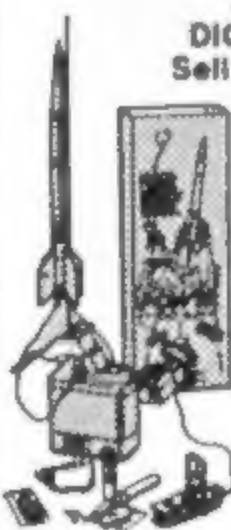
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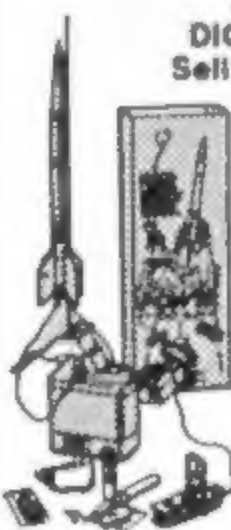
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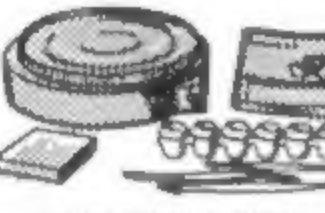
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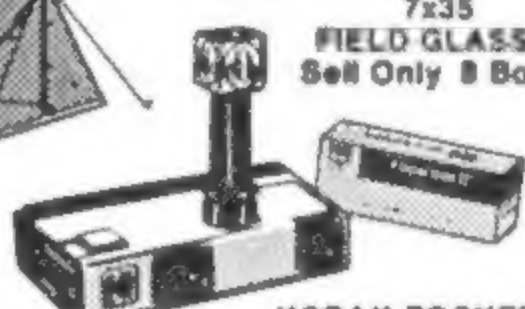
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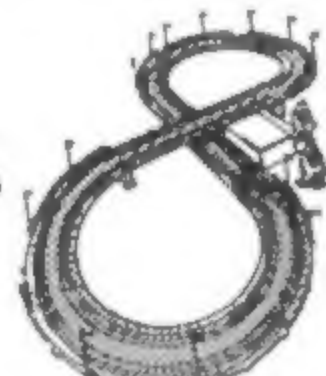
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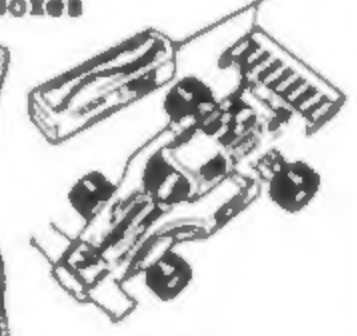
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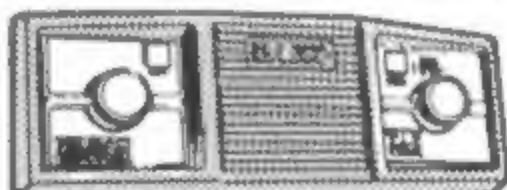
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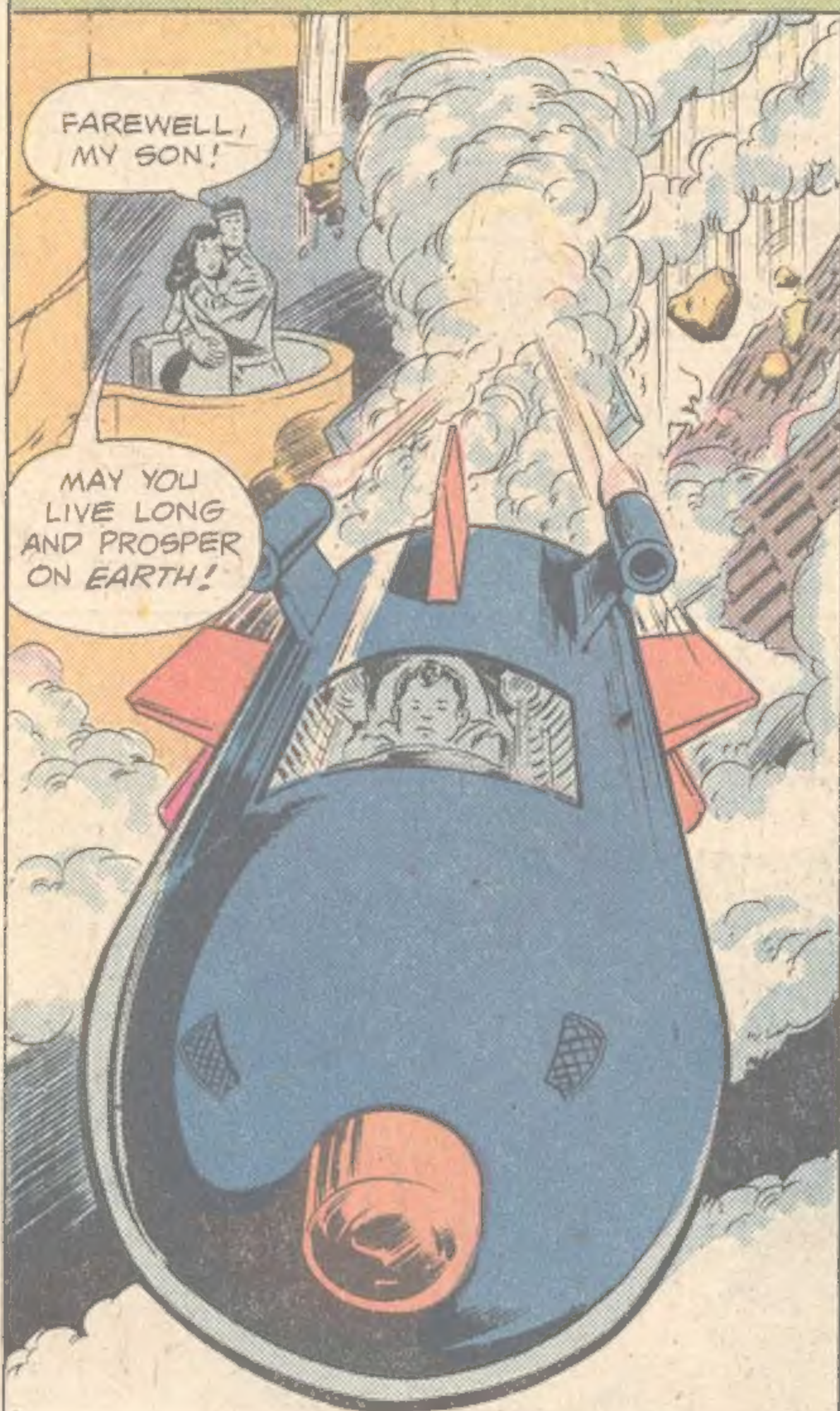
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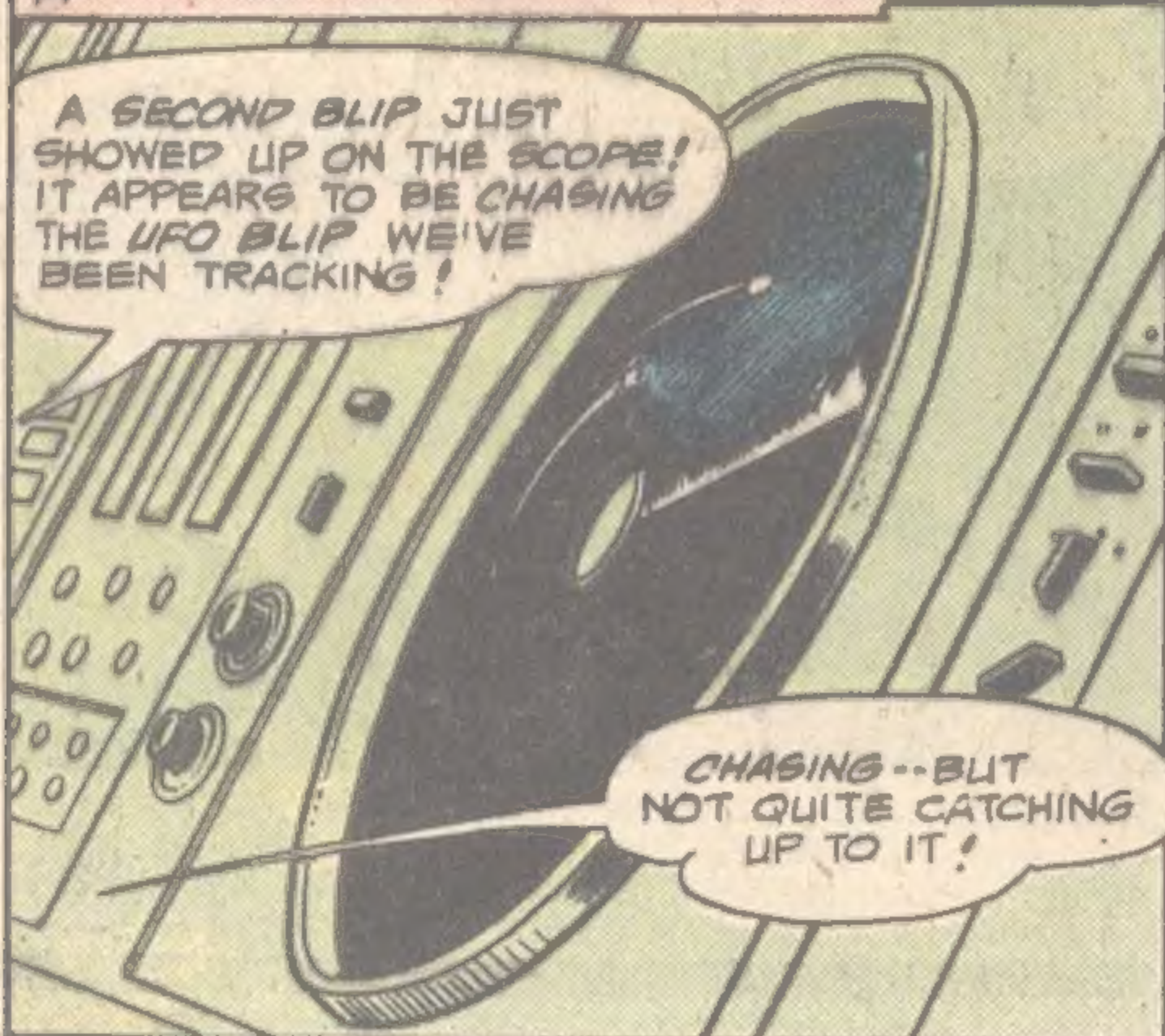
LOOK --
UP IN THE
SKY!

I'LL BE SWITCHED!
I NEVER SAW HIM
IN THE FLESH
BEFORE!

--A SIGHTING OF THE MAN OF STEEL!



AND AT A NEARBY RADAR STATION...



A SECOND BLIP JUST
SHOWED UP ON THE SCOPE!
IT APPEARS TO BE CHASING
THE UFO BLIP WE'VE
BEEN TRACKING!

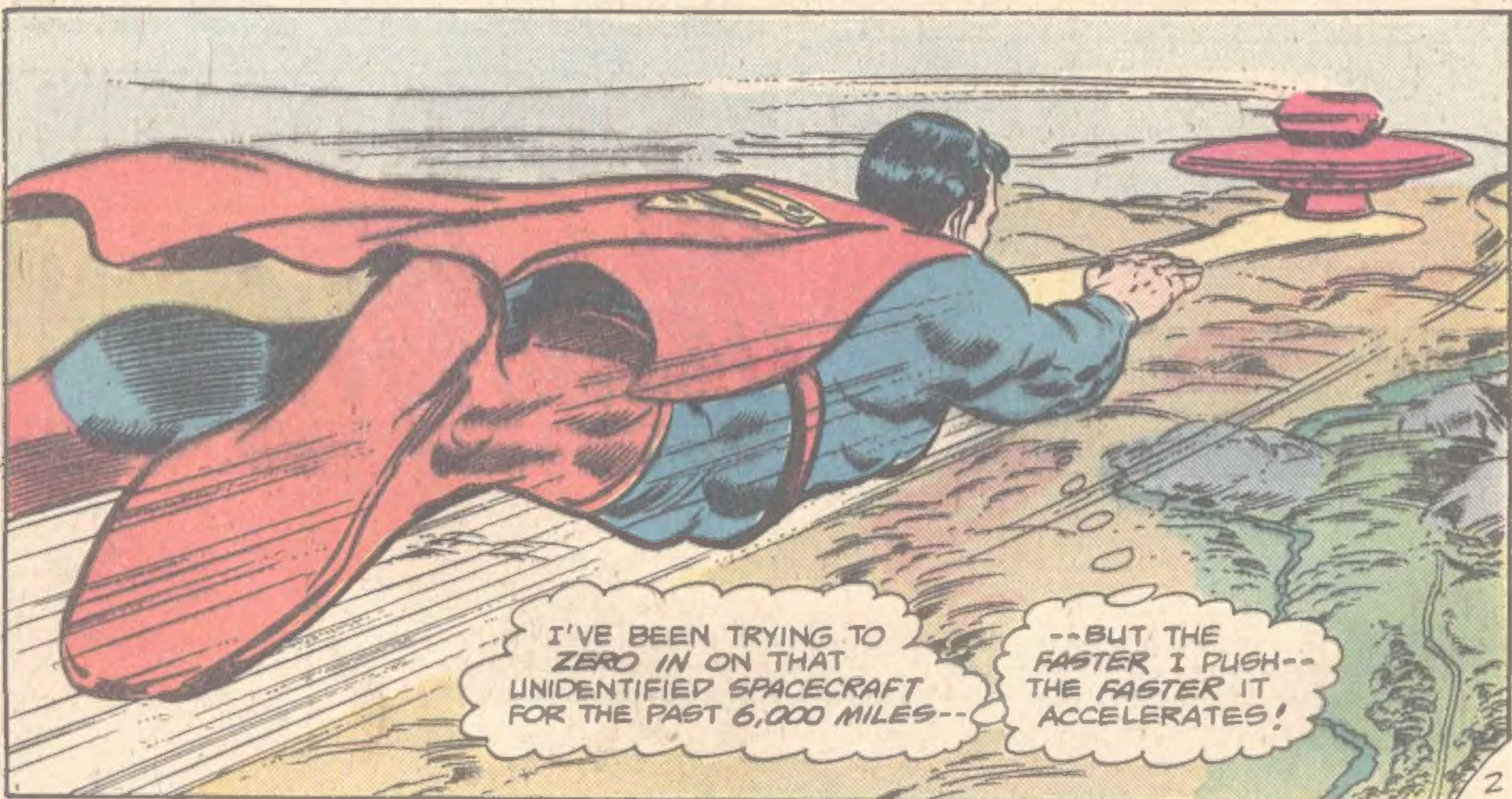
CHASING--BUT
NOT QUITE CATCHING
UP TO IT!

BUT NOTHING
COULD MOVE AT
THAT VELOCITY--
EXCEPT
ANOTHER
UFO!

--OR A CERTAIN IFO*
COLORED RED-AND-BLUE!

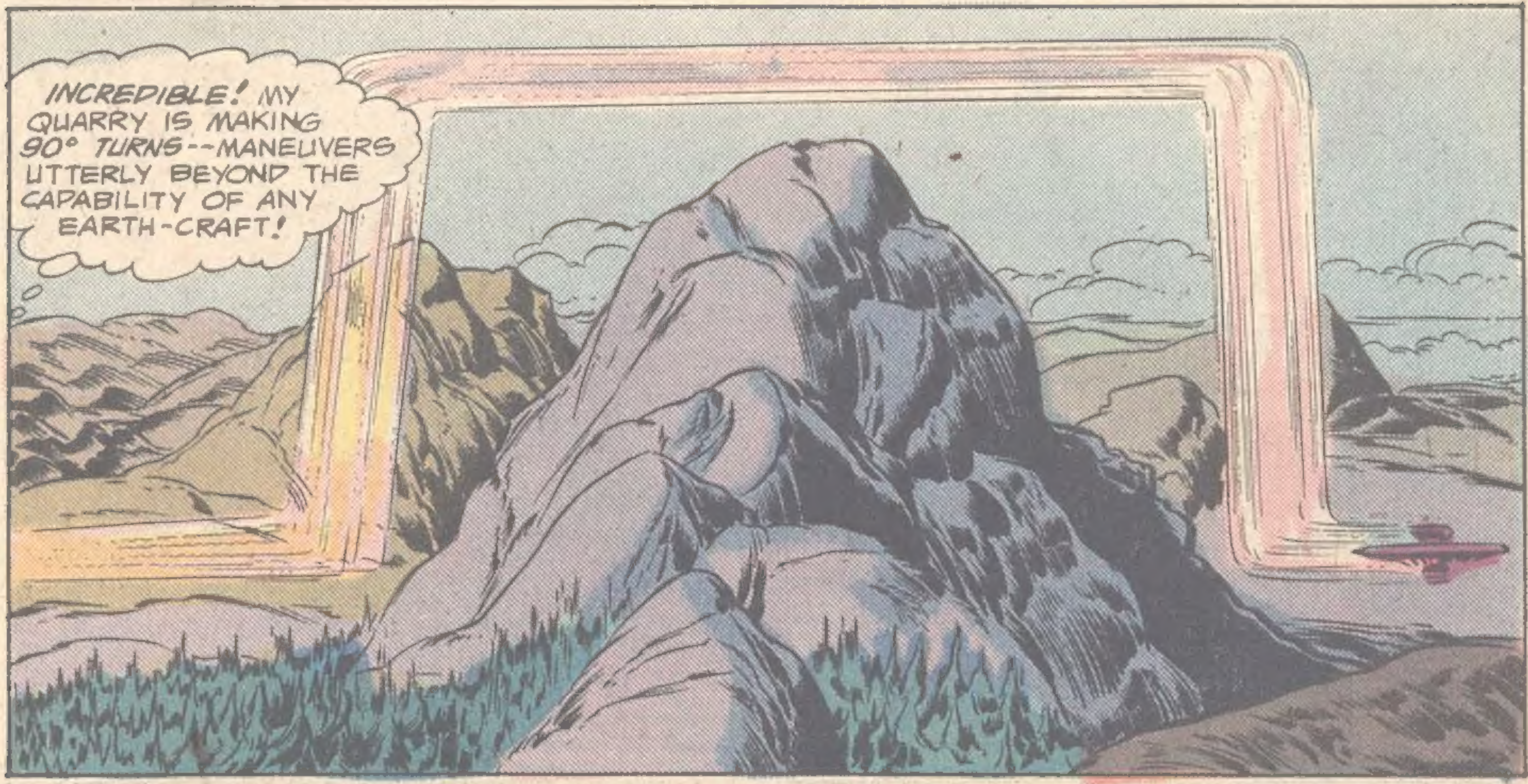


*IFO--IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT!--JULIE

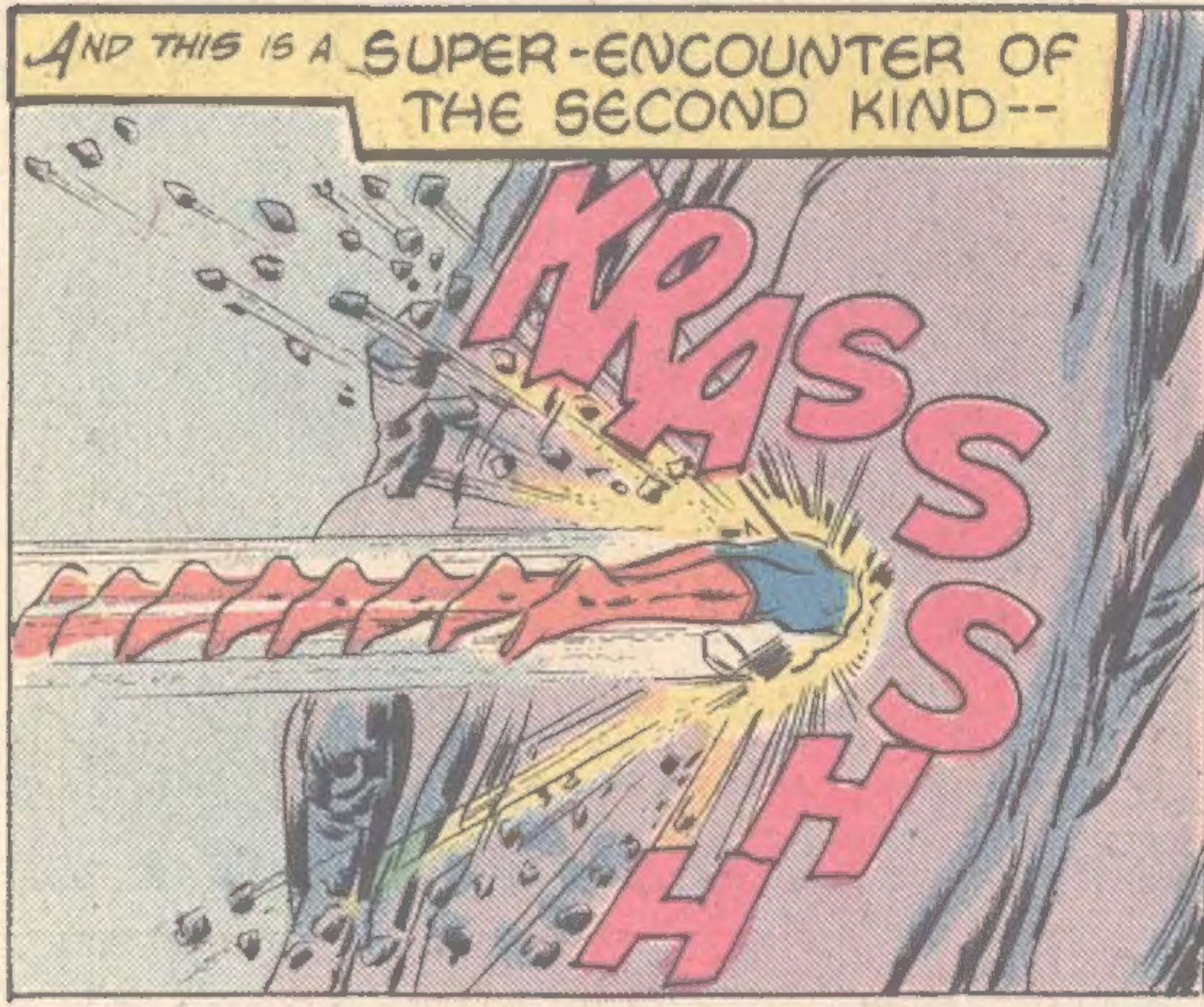


I'VE BEEN TRYING TO
ZERO IN ON THAT
UNIDENTIFIED SPACECRAFT
FOR THE PAST 6,000 MILES--

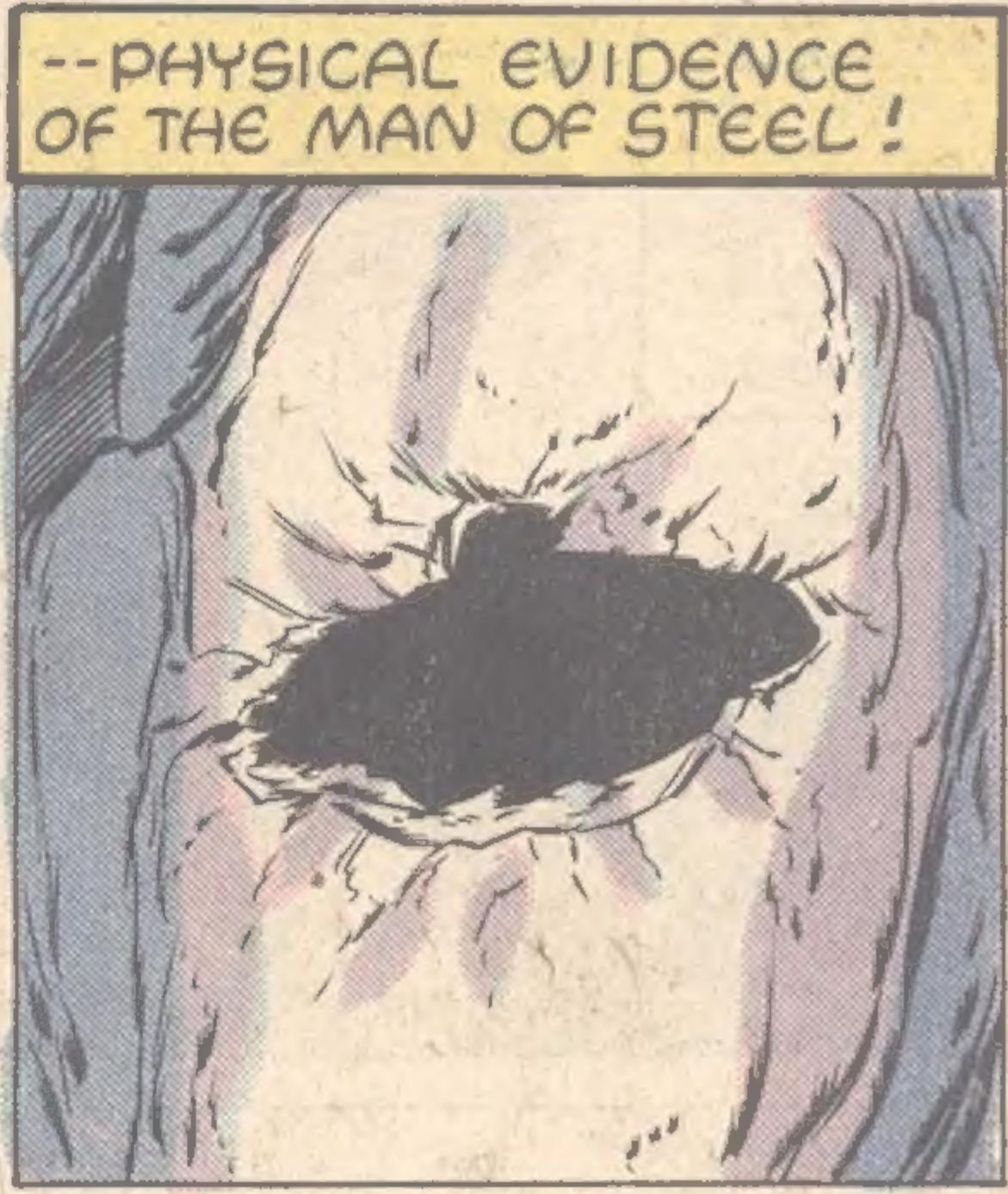
--BUT THE
FASTER I PUSH--
THE FASTER IT
ACCELERATES!



INCREDIBLE! MY QUARRY IS MAKING 90° TURNS--MANEUVERS UTTERLY BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF ANY EARTH-CRAFT!



AND THIS IS A SUPER-ENCOUNTER OF THE SECOND KIND--



--PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE MAN OF STEEL!

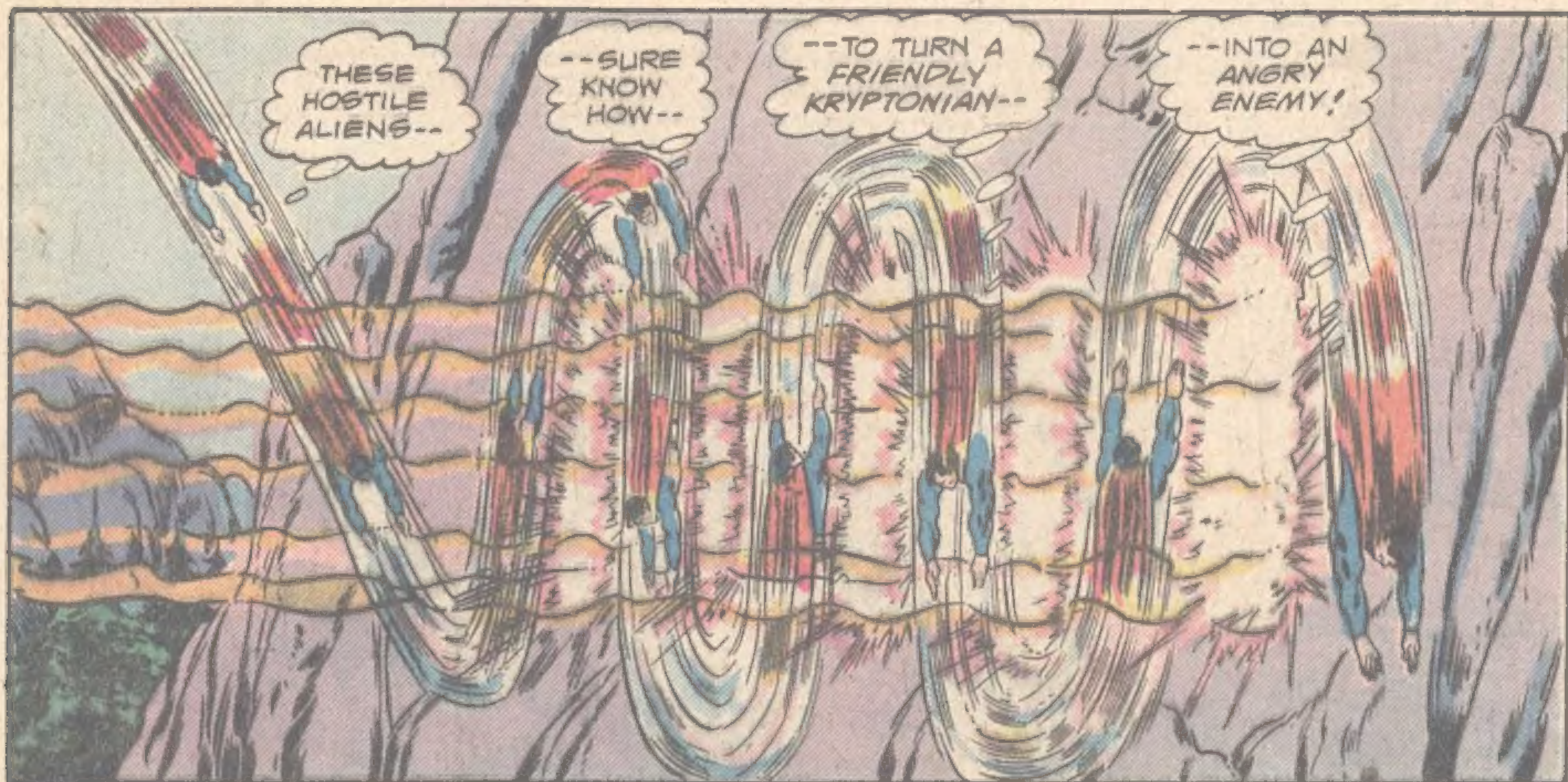


OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN-- AND INTO THE LINE OF FIRE!

IF THIS IS TURNING INTO A SHOOTING WAR WITH UNKNOWN WEAPONS--



-- I'D BETTER PLAY IT SAFE AND TAKE INSTANT EVASIVE ACTION!

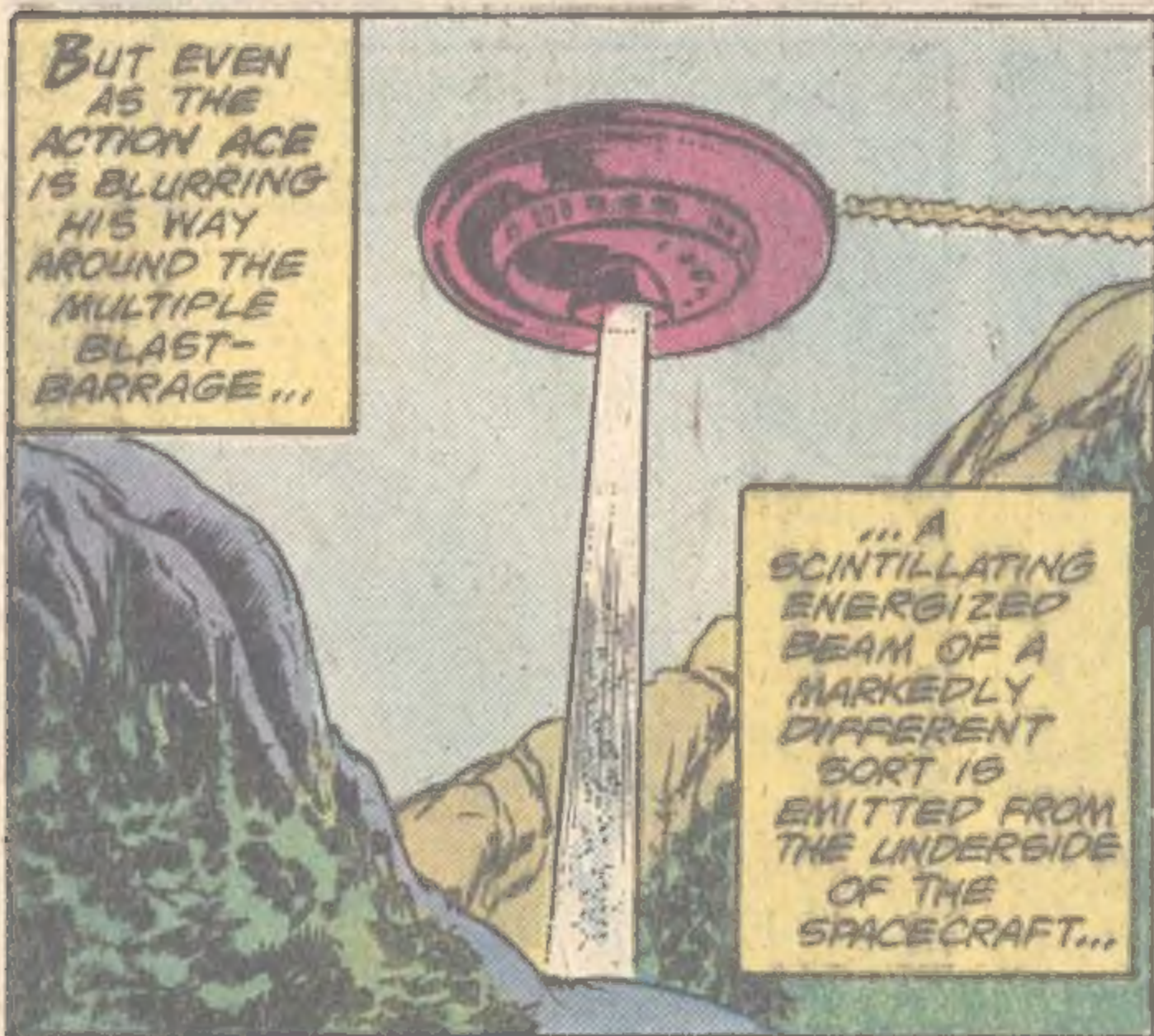


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HOSTILE
ALIENS--

--SURE
KNOW
HOW--

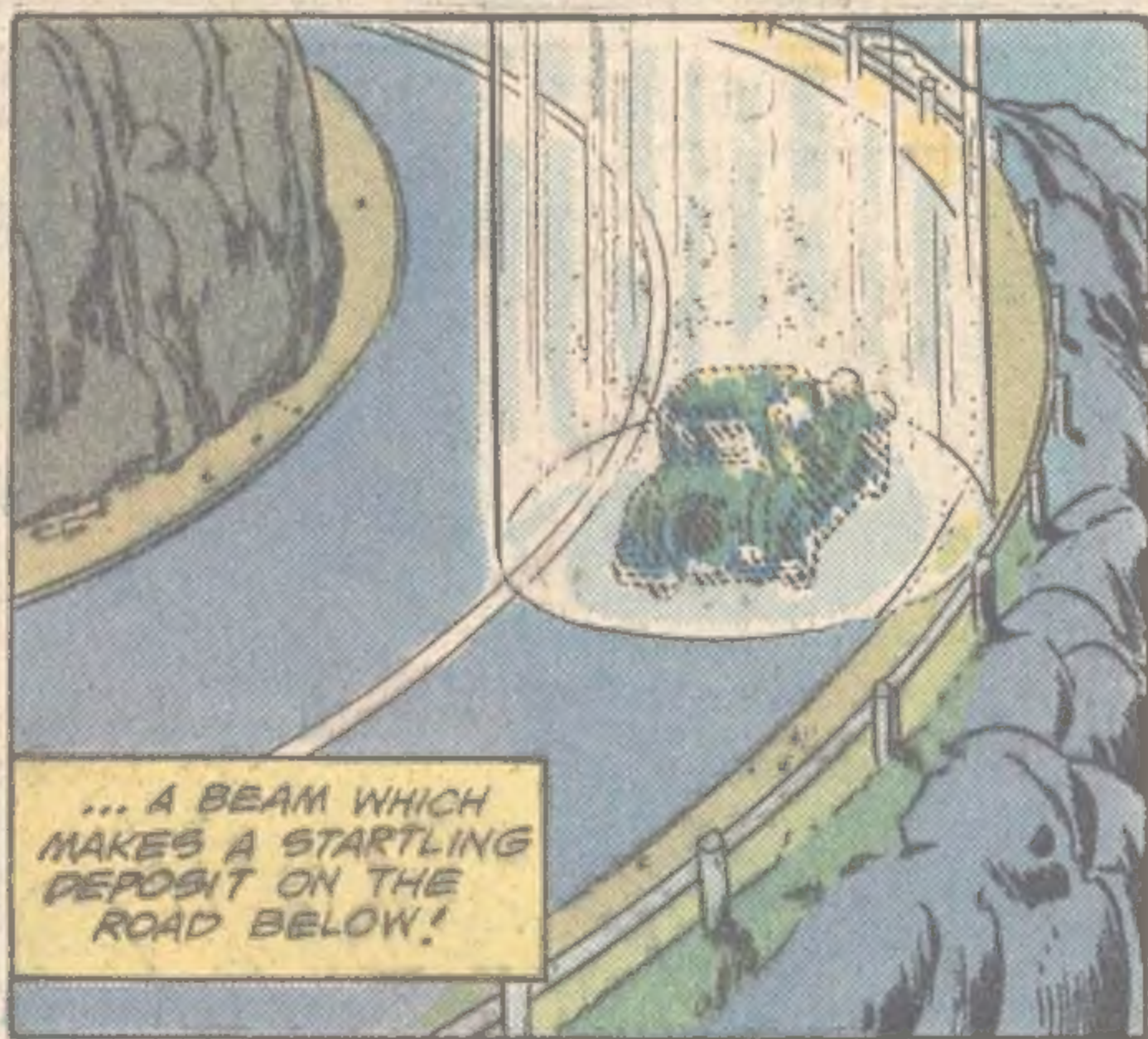
--TO TURN A
FRIENDLY
KRYPTONIAN--

--INTO AN
ANGRY
ENEMY!



BUT EVEN
AS THE
ACTION ACE
IS BLURRING
HIS WAY
AROUND THE
MULTIPLE
BLAST-
BARRAGE...

... A
SCINTILLATING
ENERGIZED
BEAM OF A
MARKEDLY
DIFFERENT
SORT IS
EMITTED FROM
THE UNDERSIDE
OF THE
SPACECRAFT...



... A BEAM WHICH
MAKES A STARTLING
DEPOSIT ON THE
ROAD BELOW!



AND THE NEXT
SPLIT-INSTANT...

IT'S GONE! THE
SHIP SUDDENLY
TOOK OFF --
ACCELERATING
TO LIGHT-SPEED!

WHAT WAS THAT
ALL ABOUT--?



GREAT KRYPTON! WHAT I
MISTOOK FOR A RAY-BLAST
ATTACK WAS ACTUALLY A
MEANS OF ALIEN
COMMUNICATION--

--AND IN ENGLISH NO LESS!

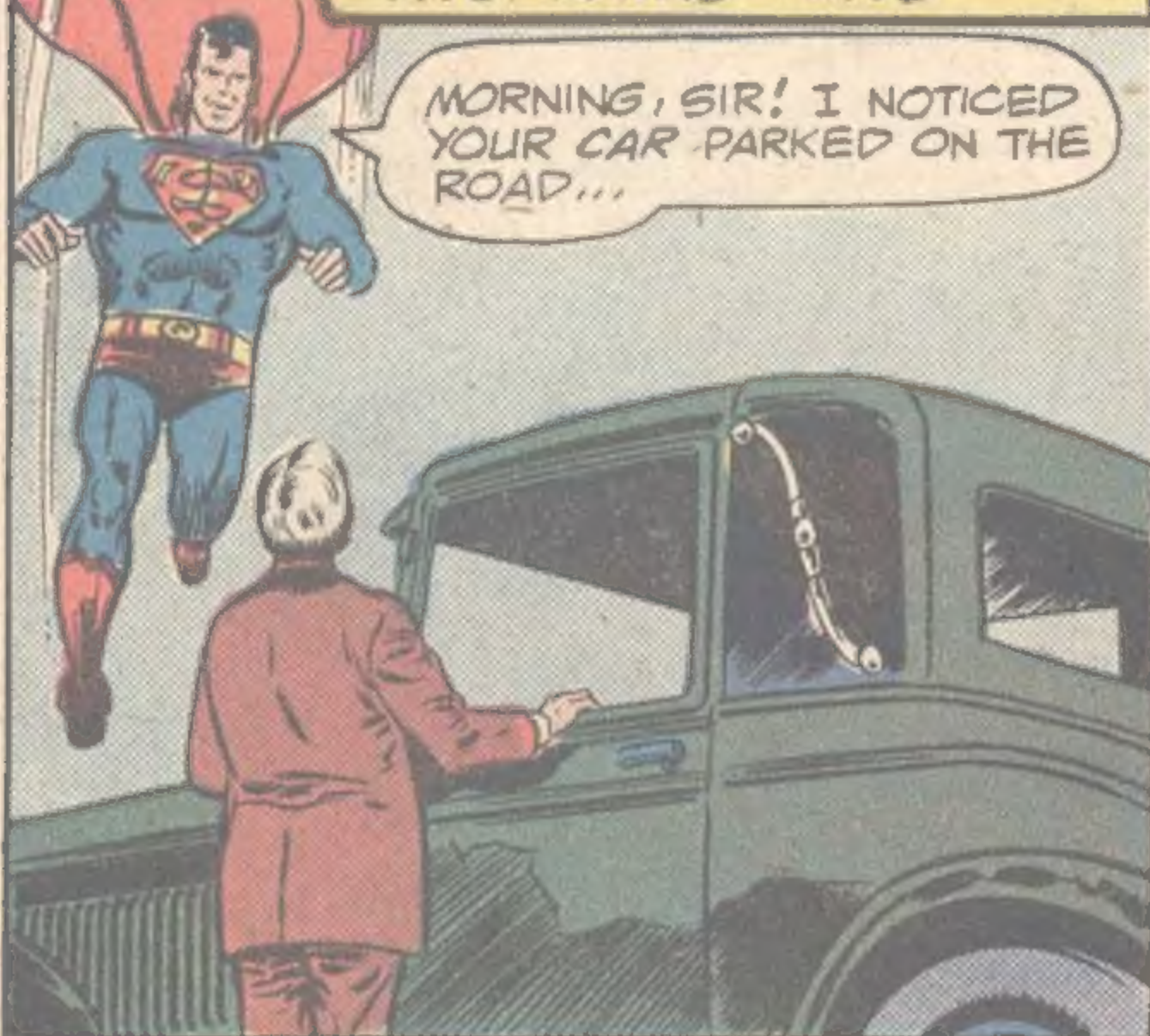
WHICH ONLY ADDS
TO THE MYSTERY!



GRIT

[illegible]

THIS IS A SUPER-ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND --



MORNING, SIR! I NOTICED YOUR CAR PARKED ON THE ROAD...

--PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE MAN FROM KRYPTON!

...AND AM CHECKING TO MAKE SURE YOU WEREN'T HIT BY ANY ROCKS FROM THE BLASTING ABOVE!

WHY, YOU MUST BE SUPERMAN! MY FRIENDS JUST TOLD ME ABOUT YOU!



YOUR FRIENDS -- ? I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE AROUND FOR MILES! AND YOUR CAR HAS NO 'CB-RADIO'!

A WHAT? OH, WELL-- NO MATTER! FORGET I SAID ANYTHING-- ONLY A JOKE!

HAVE TO BE GETTING BACK TO METROPOLIS!

IT'S A GOOD FIFTY MILES FROM HERE! CAN I GIVE YOU AND YOUR CAR A SUPER-LIFT TO TOWN?

THANKS JUST THE SAME, YOUNG MAN, BUT I ALWAYS DID LIKE TO DO MY OWN DRIVING!

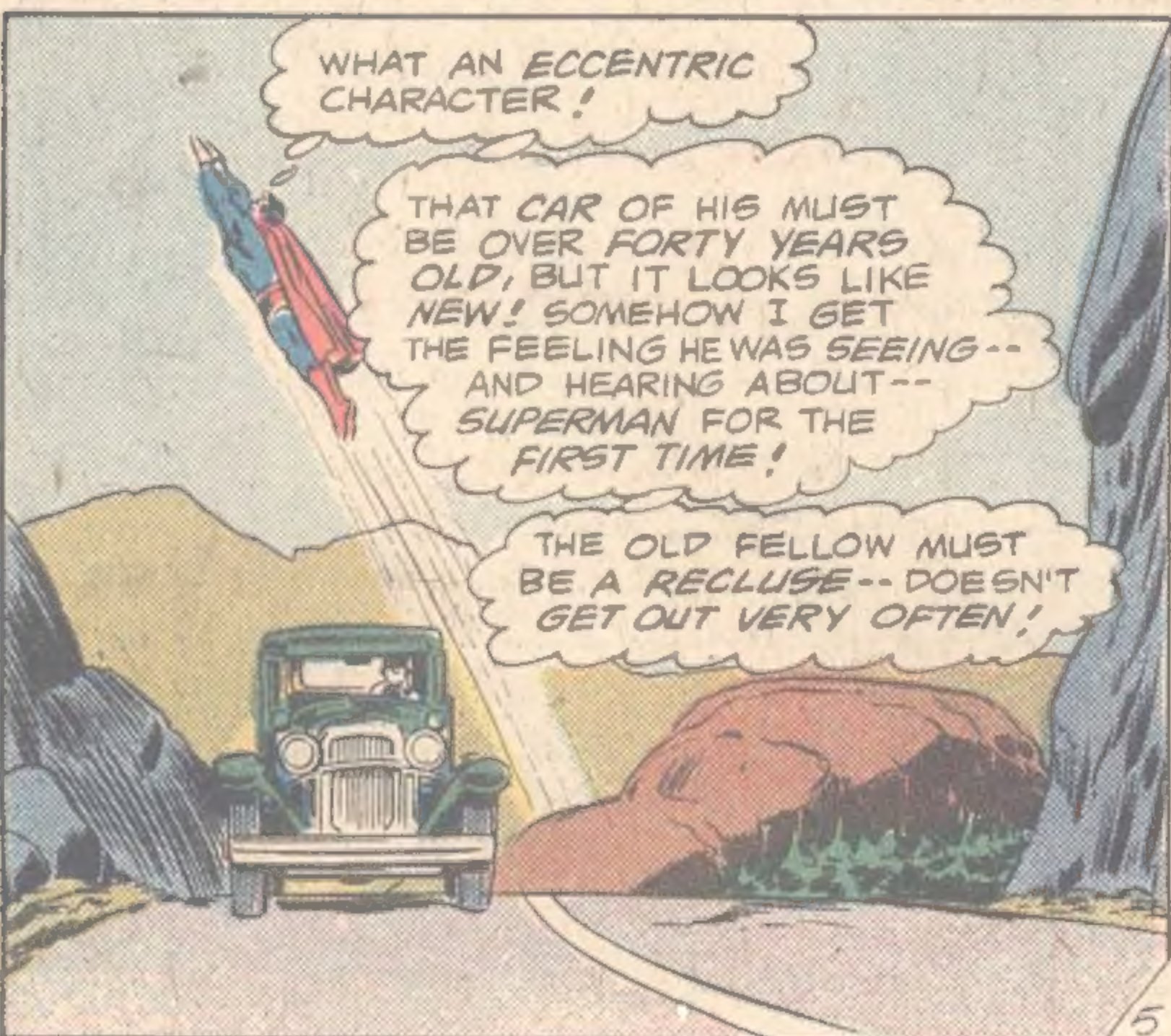


ONCE YOU LEARN, YOU NEVER FORGET HOW, YOU KNOW!

WHAT AN ECCENTRIC CHARACTER!

THAT CAR OF HIS MUST BE OVER FORTY YEARS OLD, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE NEW! SOMEHOW I GET THE FEELING HE WAS SEEING-- AND HEARING ABOUT-- SUPERMAN FOR THE FIRST TIME!

THE OLD FELLOW MUST BE A RECLUSE-- DOESN'T GET OUT VERY OFTEN!



YOU'D BE SHOCKED IF YOU KNEW JUST HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, SUPERMAN -- BECAUSE IF YOU HAD TAKEN THE TIME TO NOTICE ...



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THE NEXT DAY, IN A METROPOLIS BOOKSHOP...

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THE STORY OF
SUPERMAN
BY: LOIS LANE
JAMES OLSEN
CLARK KENT

YES, YES...
OF COURSE!

AND IN A METROPOLIS LIBRARY, THE DAY AFTER THAT...

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YOU'RE LOOKING FOR! WE
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HIS SUPERBOY
CAREER TO HIS
OWN BOOK ABOUT
KRYPTON!

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EXCELLENT.

HE'S SCANNING OUR
MICROFILM COPIES OF
EVERY SUPERMAN
STORY THE DAILY
PLANET EVER
PRINTED!

AND TOMORROW
HE'S GOING TO
START COMBING
THROUGH OUR
WGBS VIDEO-
TAPE LIBRARY!

YOU THINK
HE'S SOME
KIND OF
HISTORIAN
WORKING ON
A SPECIAL
PROJECT?

NO--I'D
GUESS HE'S
RETIRED
AND MAKING
A HOBBY OUT
OF READING
UP ON
SUPERMAN!

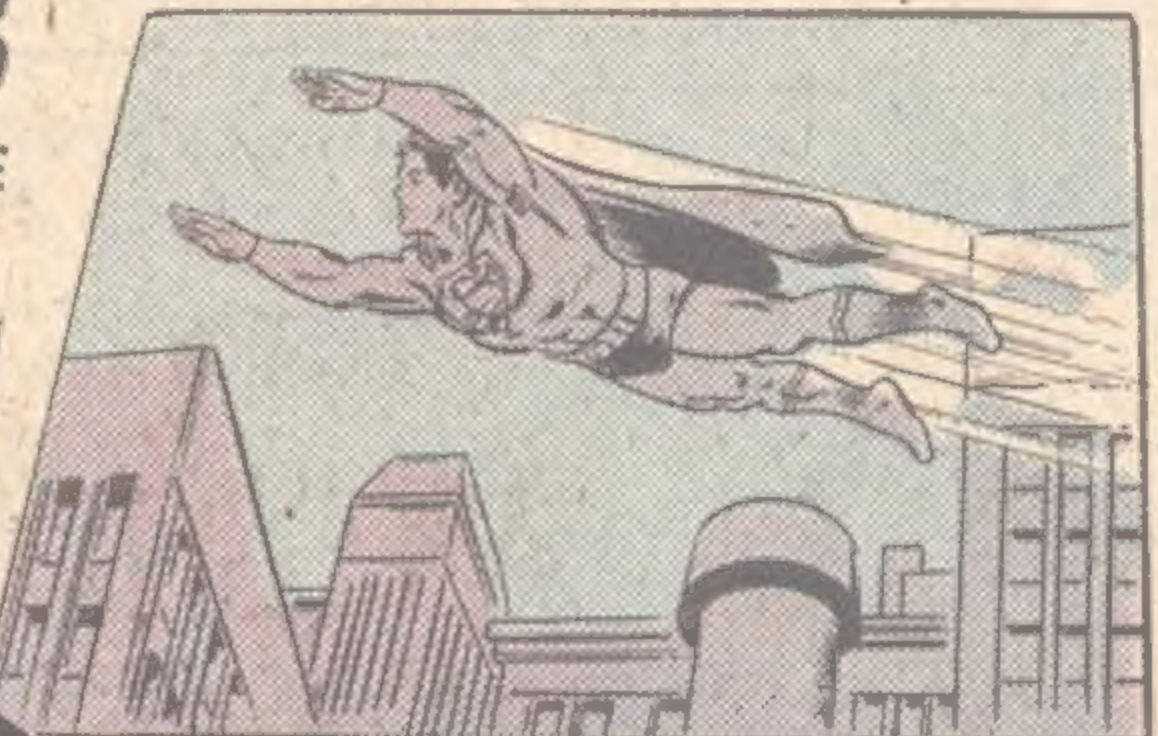
EITHER WAY,
SOMEBODY
HAS TO BREAK
IT TO HIM--

--THE LIBRARY
IS ABOUT TO
CLOSE FOR
THE DAY!

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AND IN A SPECTACULAR
DISPLAY OF THE ACTION
ACE'S LEGENDARY SUPER-
STRENGTH...

BIG MOUTH DOESN'T
KNOW IT, BUT HE'S
TAKING A NO-FRILLS
FLIGHT TO THE
SOUTH--

--AND THE FLORIDA
EVERGLADES, WHERE
HE'LL FIND PLENTY OF
STEAMY SWAMPS TO
SERVE AS HIS NEW
HOME!

MOMENTS LATER, ONE FINAL
ORDER OF BUSINESS...

WHAT WOULD WE DO
WITHOUT SUPERMAN?
NOW HE'S REPAIRING
THE STREET WITH
FRESH CEMENT EVEN
FASTER THAN THE EYE
CAN FOLLOW!

THAT'S
WHAT I
CALL A
REAL
SUPER-
HERO!

I COULDN'T
AGREE WITH
THAT FELLER
MORE--

--SUPERMAN IS
INDEED A SUPER-
HERO...THE
GREATEST OF
THEM ALL!

AFTER TWICE SEEING
HIM IN ACTION...AND
SPENDING THE PAST
FOUR DAYS IN
SUPERMAN
RESEARCH--

-- THERE CAN
BE NO DOUBT--
HE'S A TRUE
CHAMPION IN
EVERY SENSE
OF THE WORD!

AT THE PEAK
OF HIS CAREER...
IN HIS MENTAL
AND PHYSICAL
PRIME...

...JUST AS I MYSELF
WAS...SO VERY
LONG AGO...!

BUT ENOUGH DAYDREAMING
OF YEARS GONE BY! IN MY
LIFETIME I'VE SEEN MORE
WONDROUS PLACES THAN
ANY OTHER PERSON ON
EARTH--EXCEPT MAYBE
SUPERMAN!

WHICH REMINDS ME...
IF I DON'T RUSTLE
THESE OLD BONES
I'M GOING TO BE
LATE FOR THE
SEMINAR...

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, AT THE S.T.A.R.*
RESEARCH INSTITUTE...

"...AND THEY HAD
FOUR EYES...ON
THE ENDS OF
THESE STALKS
THAT STUCK UP
OUT OF THEIR
FOREHEADS!

I GOT A SPLITTING
HEADACHE WATCHING
THEIR EYES SWAY
BACK AND FORTH!

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THE ALIENS WHO
CONTACTED ME HAD
THESE TINY LITTLE
PINHEADS! NOW LET
ME TELL YOU ABOUT
THE ZOO ABOARD
THAT WEIRD
SAUCER OF
THEIRS!

THE STENCH WAS SO
AWFUL, I ALMOST PASSED
OUT! AND WHEN I
ASKED THE ALIENS WHY
THEY ALL SMELLED LIKE
SKUNKS, THEY JUST
STARED AT ME!

OH, WOW!
LANA... I CAN
SEE THE S.T.A.R.
SCIENTISTS
CRINGING INSIDE
THEIR LAB COATS!

WHO
CAN BLAME
THEM,
JIMMY?

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR--
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LANA LANG AND JIMMY OLSEN...

IT'S SELF-
STYLED "EYE-
WITNESSES"
LIKE HER THAT
TURN A SERIOUS
UFO INVESTIGATION
LIKE THIS INTO
A CIRCUS!

THE SAD THING IS, WITH ALL
THESE KOOKS COMING HERE
TO TELL THEIR WILD FANTASIES
--WE DON'T KNOW THE REAL
THING IF WE HEAR IT!

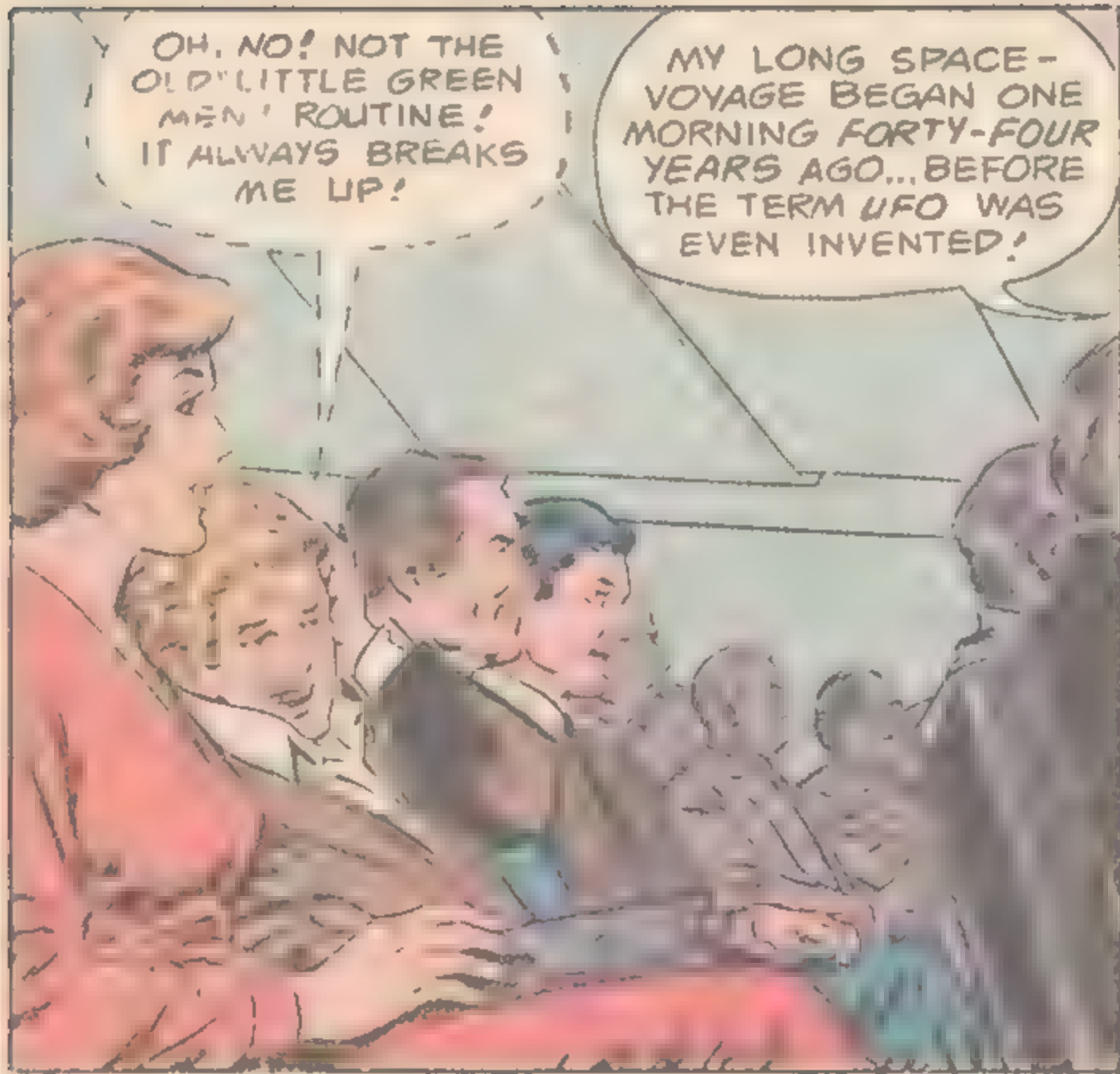
I KNOW SOME OF MY OWN
ALIEN CONTACTS WERE
PRETTY FAR OUT!

THANK YOU, MRS. ANSON
DURGOM, FOR SHARING THAT...
UH... UNIQUE ENCOUNTER
WITH US!

OUR NEXT WITNESS
IS LEWIS PADGETT--
WHO CLAIMS HE NOT
ONLY MET EXTRA-
TERRESTRIALS, BUT
SPENT MORE THAN
FOUR DECADES
ROAMING THROUGH
THE MILKY WAY
ABOARD THEIR
CRAFT!

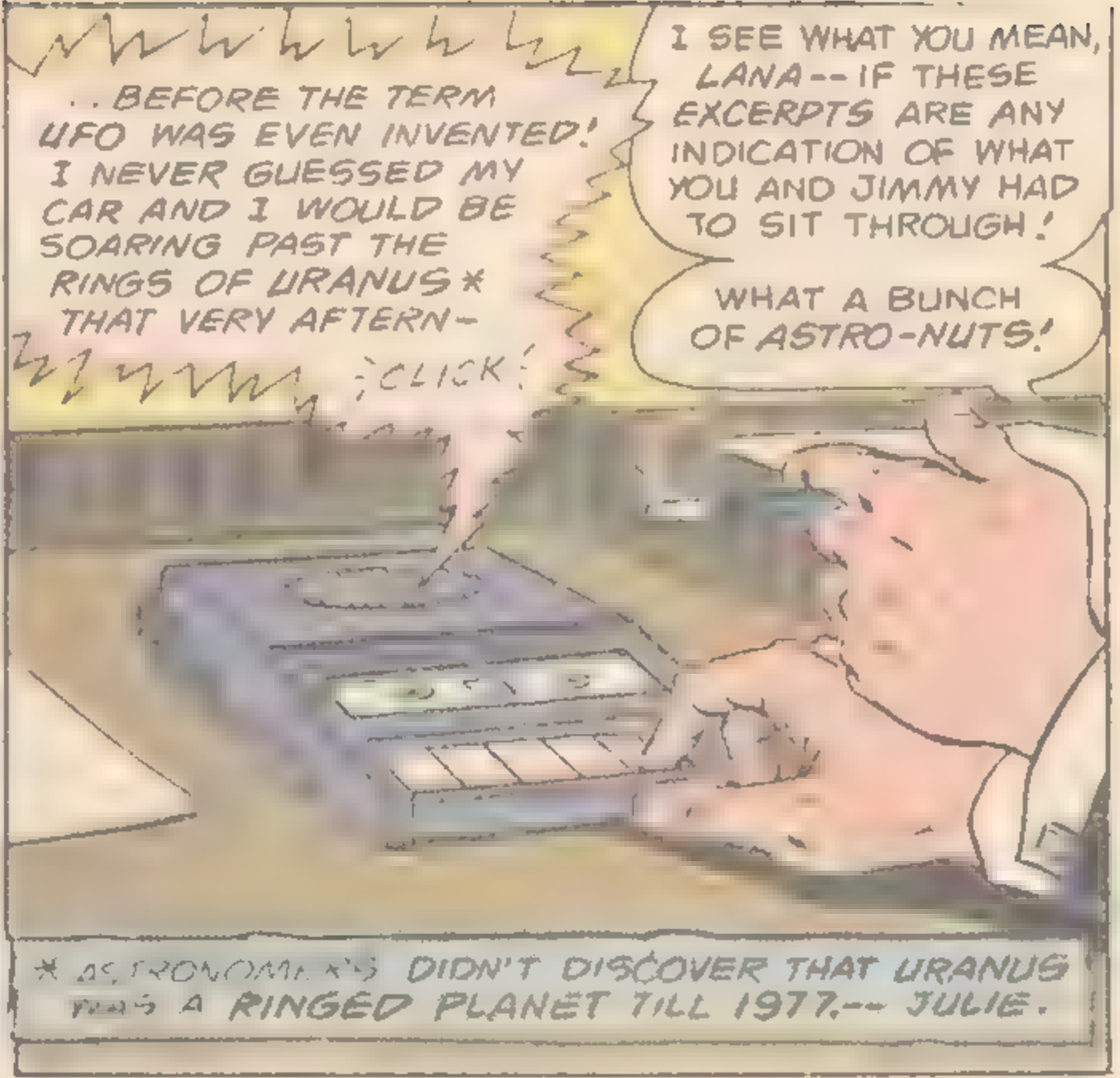
THANKS, YOUNG FELLA!
BUT YOU FORGOT TO
MENTION MY CAR! SHE
MADE THE TRIP, TOO!

I'LL NEVER FORGET
THE TIME MY GREEN-
SKINNED FRIENDS LET
ME DRIVE MY CAR
ACROSS THE CRYSTALLINE
DESERTS OF ALTAIR-4...



OH, NO! NOT THE OLD 'LITTLE GREEN MEN' ROUTINE! IT ALWAYS BREAKS ME UP!

MY LONG SPACE-VOYAGE BEGAN ONE MORNING FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO... BEFORE THE TERM UFO WAS EVEN INVENTED!

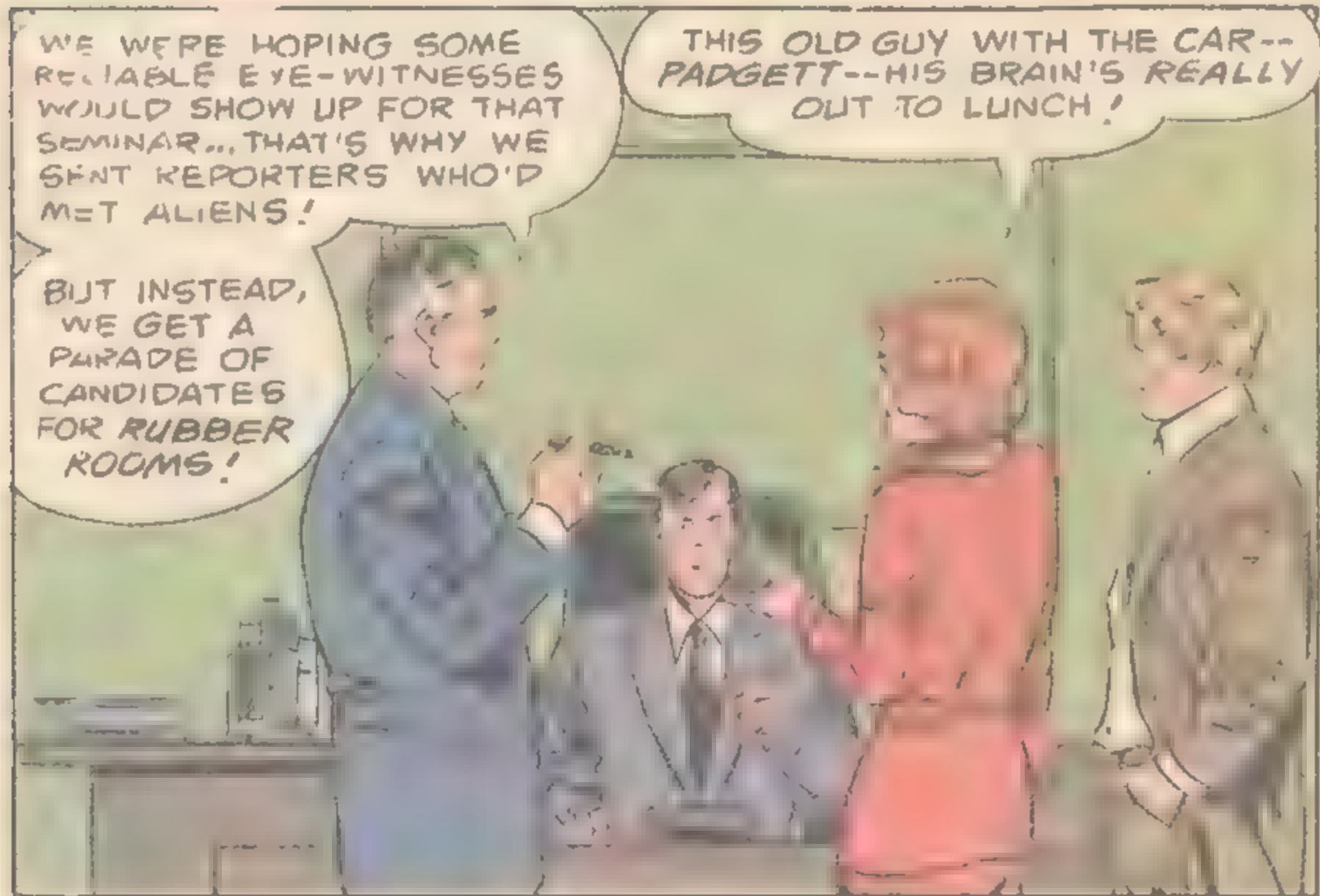


... BEFORE THE TERM UFO WAS EVEN INVENTED! I NEVER GUESSED MY CAR AND I WOULD BE SOARING PAST THE RINGS OF URANUS* THAT VERY AFTERN-

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN, LANA-- IF THESE EXCERPTS ARE ANY INDICATION OF WHAT YOU AND JIMMY HAD TO SIT THROUGH!

WHAT A BUNCH OF ASTRO-NUTS!

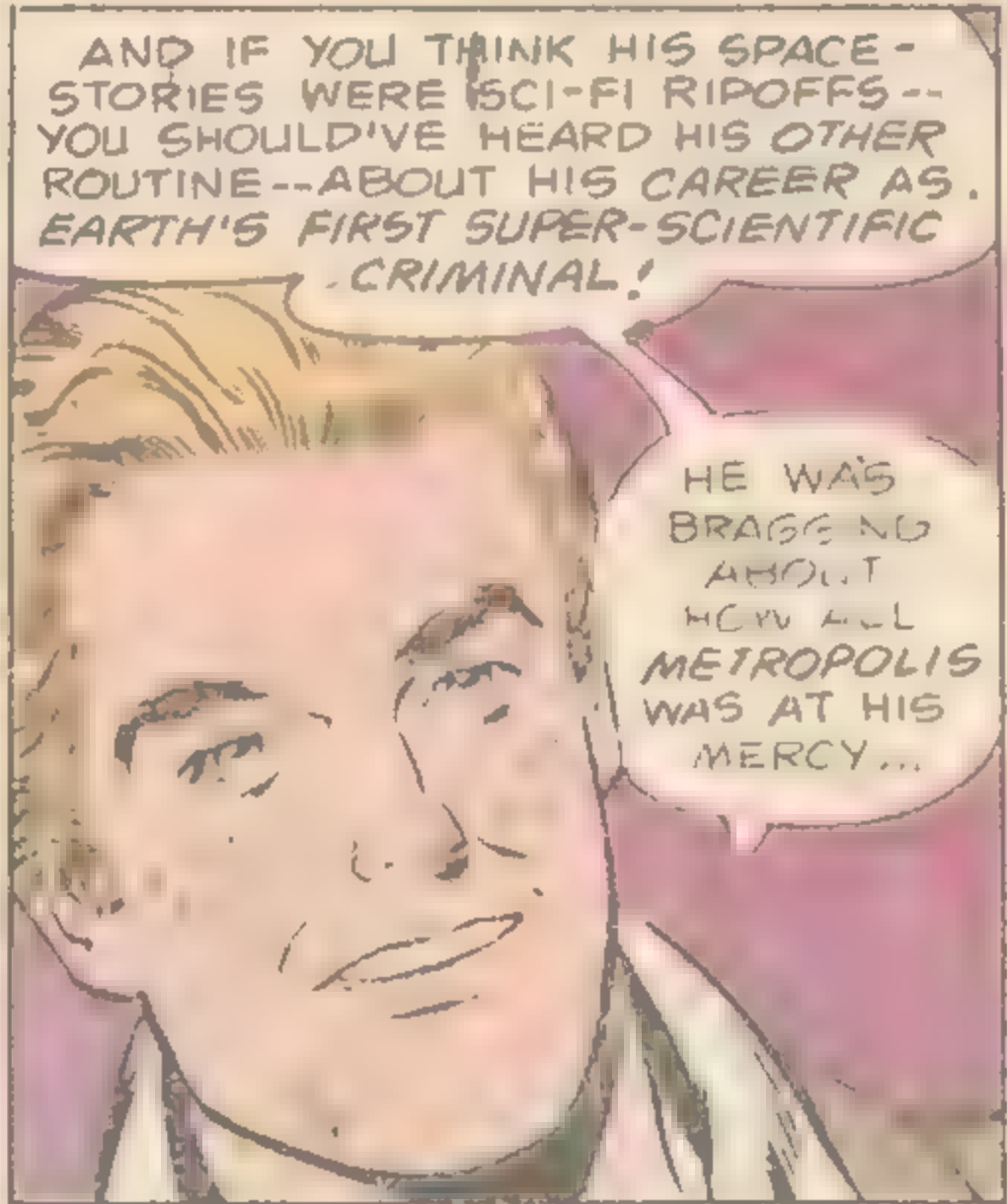
* ASTRONOMERS DIDN'T DISCOVER THAT URANUS WAS A RINGED PLANET TILL 1977.-- JULIE.



WE WERE HOPING SOME RELIABLE EYE-WITNESSES WOULD SHOW UP FOR THAT SEMINAR... THAT'S WHY WE SENT REPORTERS WHO'D MET ALIENS!

THIS OLD GUY WITH THE CAR-- PADGETT-- HIS BRAIN'S REALLY OUT TO LUNCH!

BUT INSTEAD, WE GET A PARADE OF CANDIDATES FOR RUBBER ROOMS!



AND IF YOU THINK HIS SPACE-STORIES WERE SCI-FI RIPOFFS-- YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD HIS OTHER ROUTINE-- ABOUT HIS CAREER AS EARTH'S FIRST SUPER-SCIENTIFIC CRIMINAL!

HE WAS BRAGGING ABOUT HOW ALL METROPOLIS WAS AT HIS MERCY...



... OR AS HE PUT IT, AT THE MERCY OF... GET THIS... MICROWAVE MAN!

MICROWAVE MAN, EH? CATCHY NAME! LET ME GUESS-- HE WENT AROUND TOWN STEALING RADAR ANTENNAE!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST!



DROPPED YOUR CIGAR, CHIEF!

PERRY, WHAT IS IT? YOU LOOK AS PALE AS CAESAR'S GHOST YOURSELF!

CAN IT BE? MICROWAVE MAN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!



EASY, WHITE-- YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE!

QUICK-- SOMEBODY-- GET HIM A CHAIR!

SNAP

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ONWARD AND UPWARD

Changes. These days, they come fast and furious.

As you've no doubt noticed, we've raised our price this month—not totally shocking, as comics have gone up in price every fifteen months or so for the past five or six years.

But hopefully you've noticed that the number of pages in our standard comic books have also gone up. We've added eight pages of all-new story—no ads, no reprints—along with the price increase. With the single exception of our story-packed Dollar Comics, this is the first time anybody in the field is *not* giving you less for your money.

In fact, it's a 47% gain in story, for a 43% raise in price.

Of course, we didn't have to do this. We *could* have tacked on another 5¢ for those 17 page stories. Before long, other publishers will be charging 40¢ for their 17—page stories, unless they follow our lead and provide more pages. You'll be paying 2.35¢ per page of story for *theirs*, and only 2¢ for *ours*. That's like getting about three pages free from DC.

I don't have to bore you with the ever-raising cost of absolutely everything. Each time anybody adds another nickel to the cost of the standard comic book, somebody composes a little essay about how phone calls used to cost 5¢ and hot dogs a dime.

But we really didn't want to take from our loyal readers (and even our casual readers, for that matter) without giving at least as much in return.

We're excited because we believe the 50¢ comic book, like the highly successful Dollar Comics package

we introduced eighteen months ago, will be a more attractive product for the retailer as well as for the reader. Being in a more profitable format for the retailer, our comics should be a little easier to find. Some places that do not carry comics will be handling DC titles before long. Most harder-to-find comics will get better distribution.

Better still, the twenty-five pages of story format gives us something we haven't had for the better part of a decade: the chance to do really full-length stories, with fully-developed sub-plots and characterization. We also have the chance to bring back some of your favorite characters that haven't been able to carry an entire 17 page title: Enemy Ace, The Human Target, The Atom and Omac, for example. And we're able to introduce a number of new characters of a more experimental nature: Cinnamon, The Odd Man, The Amazons.

The new format also gives us a bit of room to experiment. You'll see the return of Swamp Thing, original characters like The Vixen, new western and war titles—we'll even be able to schedule a couple of titles which will represent some of the best DC comics printed in the past four decades: Archie Goodwin and Walt Simonson's Manhunter series, the famous Bat Lash books, and so on.

And we'll also be making the Dollar Comics look even more attractive, because starting this month, we're taking out all the ads. You'll be getting an additional page or two of story, but now we'll have the freedom to run more two-page spreads and wrap around covers. The Dollar Comics—including our latest addi-

tion, Adventure Comics—will now have 68-pages of all-new story and art from cover to cover. Not a page of ads.

We've been calling all of this "The DC Explosion" and that's what it truly is—an explosion of new ideas, new concepts, new characters, and new formats. We now have near-limitless opportunities to experiment, to do longer and indeed better stories, to be more flexible in the type of material we're presenting. The best is getting better.

We couldn't do it without the encouragement and boundless energy of our creative staff—from new talents like Marshall Rogers and Joe Staton to established pros like Gerry Conway and Len Wein to (if they'll forgive me) vets like Curt Swan and now-editor Ross Andru. To each and every creator working with us, my deepest and sincerest thanks.

And to our faithful readers, who have shown us so much support and enthusiasm since we've started planting the seeds of change, I offer my thanks as well. We honestly could not have done it without your help.

But—and I know you're expecting this—we're not stopping here. Even as I write these words, I have working proposals on my desk for no less than ten new projects, not all of which are new titles. We're continuing to grow and branch out, to boldly go where no comics company has gone before.

And we're glad you're there with us—every step of the way.

Take care—

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Fite".

AND WHILE SOMEBODY DOES JUST THAT-- WE CHOOSE THIS MOMENT TO SHIFT THE SCENE TO THE MAN IN QUESTION...

ALL THOSE SNICKERS... SMIRKS... GUFFAWS... I SAW THE WAY THAT BLASTED SEMINAR CROWD ACTED!

I FLOURED OUT MY LIFE STORY TO THEM, AND THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE ONE WORD OF IT!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE NOTION OF RESPECT TO ONE'S ELDERS?

SIGH! BUT I SUPPOSE I REALLY CAN'T BLAME THEM! AFTER ALL, I DIDN'T GIVE THEM A SHRED OF PROOF!

PERHAPS THEY HAVE TO SEE BEFORE THEY'LL BELIEVE!

HMMM... I WONDER...

...AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS IN SPACE... IS IT POSSIBLE? COULD MY TIRED OLD BODY STILL BE MICROMATIC?

MICROMATIC-- THAT'S HOW MICROWAVE MAN DESCRIBED HIS POWER TO THE PRESS IN A HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED NOTE TO THE DAILY PLANET.

THIS WAS OVER FORTY YEARS AGO, MIND YOU-- WHEN I WAS STILL A GREEN CUB REPORTER!

BUT PERRY-- HOW DID SOMEONE GO ABOUT BECOMING "MICROMATIC"?

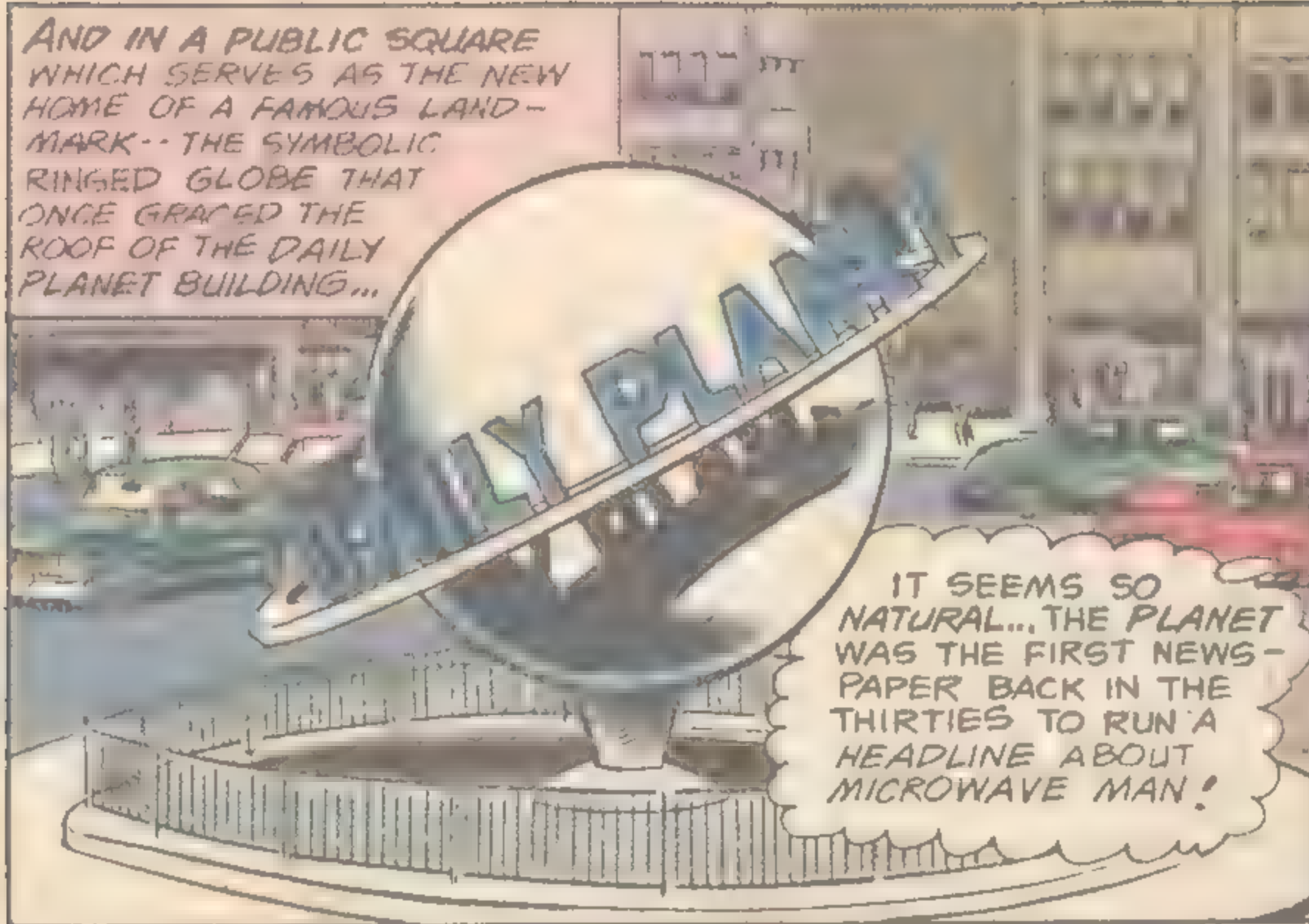
AS THIS SUPER-CROOK EXPLAINED IT, HE BECAME FASCINATED BY MICROWAVES WHEN HE WAS A KID-- AND BUILT HIS OWN RADIO!

WHEN HE GREW UP, IT BECAME AN OBSESSION-- HE IMMERSSED HIMSELF IN EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH FAR AHEAD OF HIS TIME!

THE BREAKTHROUGH CAME WHEN HE DEvised A MEANS OF MAKING HIS BODY A WALKING RECEIVER--

--CAPABLE OF ABSORBING RAW MICROWAVE ENERGY* FROM EVERY OPERATING RADIO TRANSMITTER IN THE METROPOLIS AREA AT THE TIME!

*MICROWAVES ARE EXTREMELY HIGH-FREQUENCY RADIO WAVES, LYING JUST BELOW THE INFRARED PART OF THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM. --JULIE



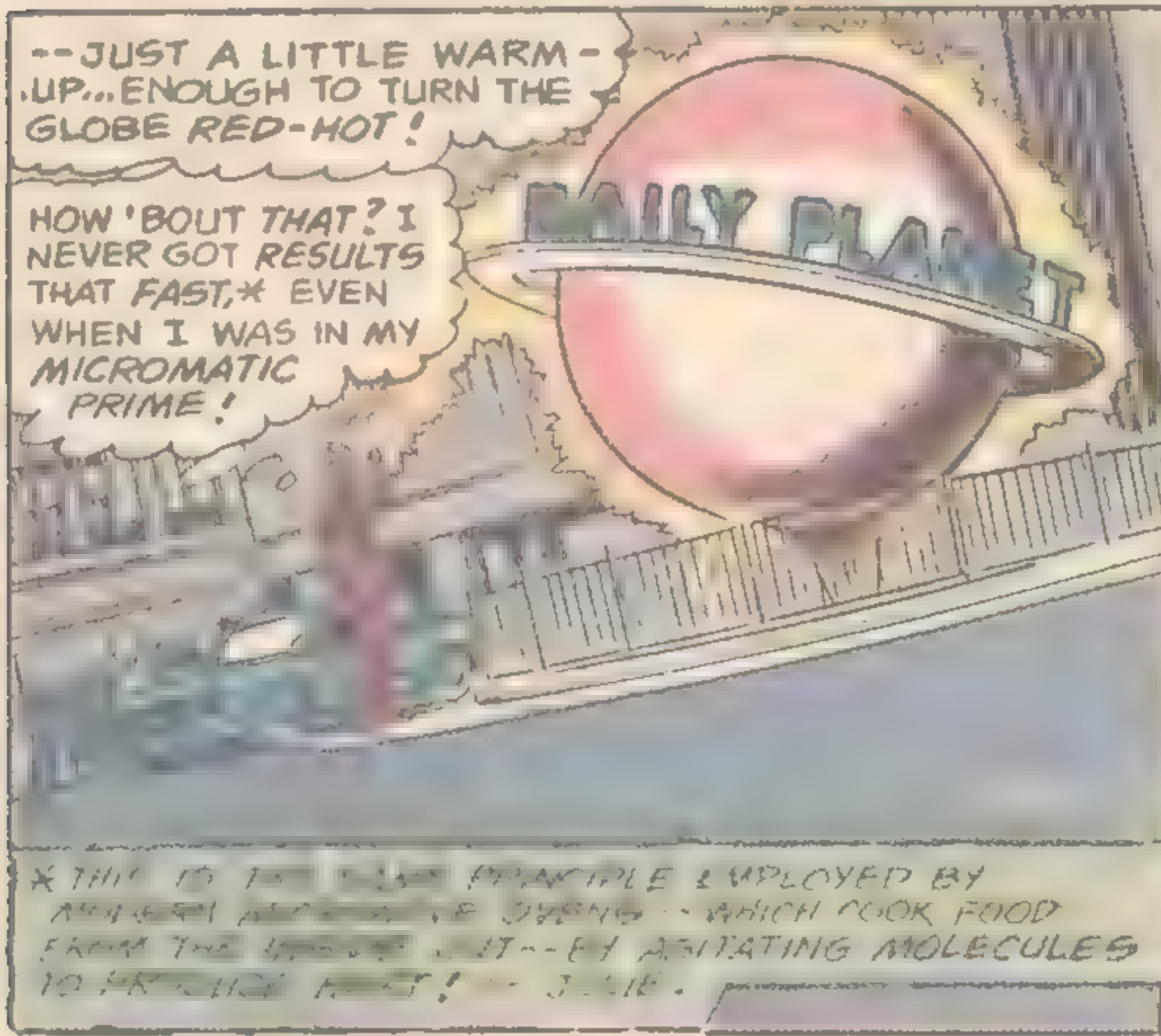
AND IN A PUBLIC SQUARE WHICH SERVES AS THE NEW HOME OF A FAMOUS LAND-MARK-- THE SYMBOLIC RINGED GLOBE THAT ONCE GRACED THE ROOF OF THE DAILY PLANET BUILDING...

IT SEEMS SO NATURAL... THE PLANET WAS THE FIRST NEWS-PAPER BACK IN THE THIRTIES TO RUN A HEADLINE ABOUT MICROWAVE MAN!



AND THE PLANET GLOBE MAKES A PERFECT TEST-OBJECT FOR MY MICROMATIC ABILITIES!

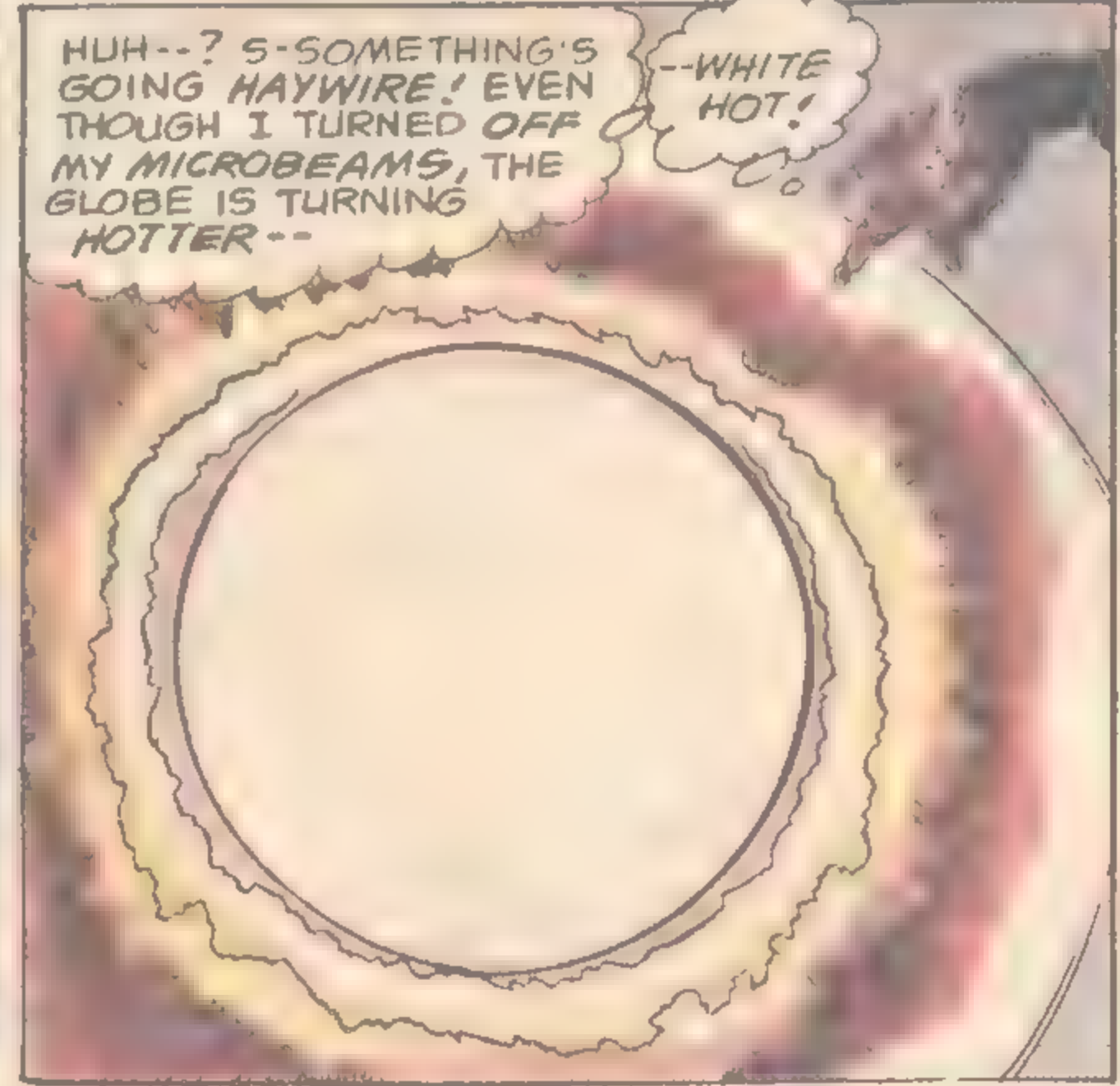
SINCE I'M RUSTY AND OUT OF PRACTICE, I WON'T TRY ANYTHING SPECTACULAR--



--JUST A LITTLE WARM-UP... ENOUGH TO TURN THE GLOBE RED-HOT!

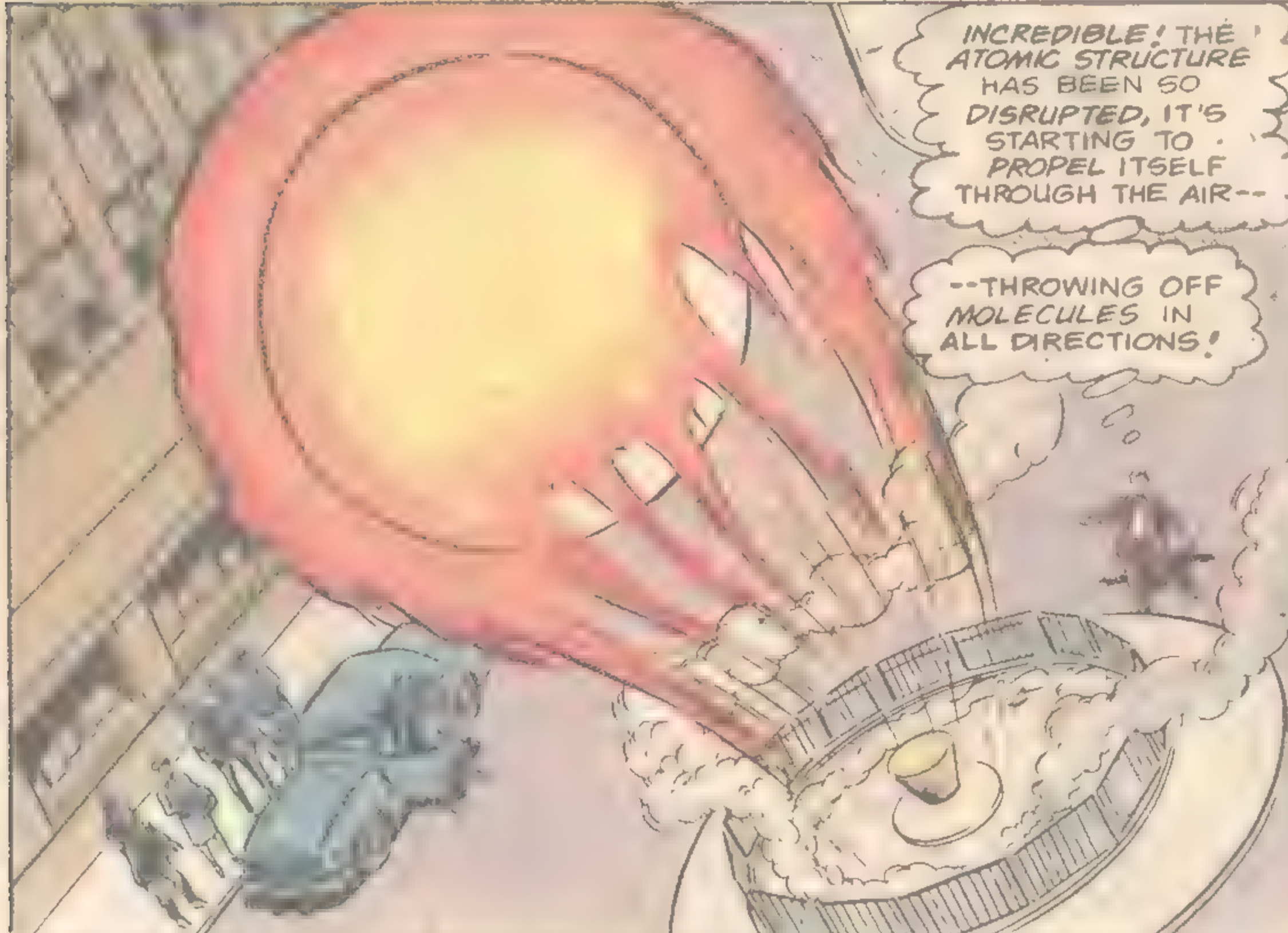
HOW 'BOUT THAT? I NEVER GOT RESULTS THAT FAST,* EVEN WHEN I WAS IN MY MICROMATIC PRIME!

*THIS IS THE SAME PRINCIPLE EMPLOYED BY MICROWAVE OVEN-- WHICH COOK FOOD FROM THE INSIDE OUT-- BY AGITATING MOLECULES TO PRODUCE HEAT! -- J.M.B.



HUH--? S-SOMETHING'S GOING HAYWIRE! EVEN THOUGH I TURNED OFF MY MICROBEAMS, THE GLOBE IS TURNING HOTTER--

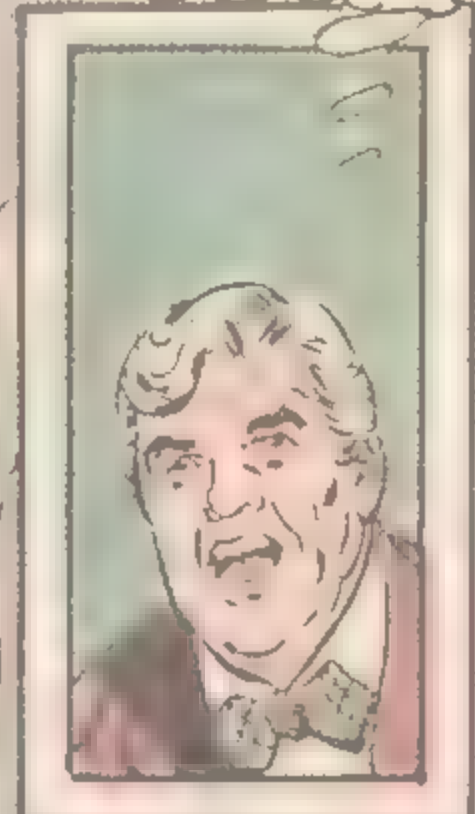
--WHITE HOT!

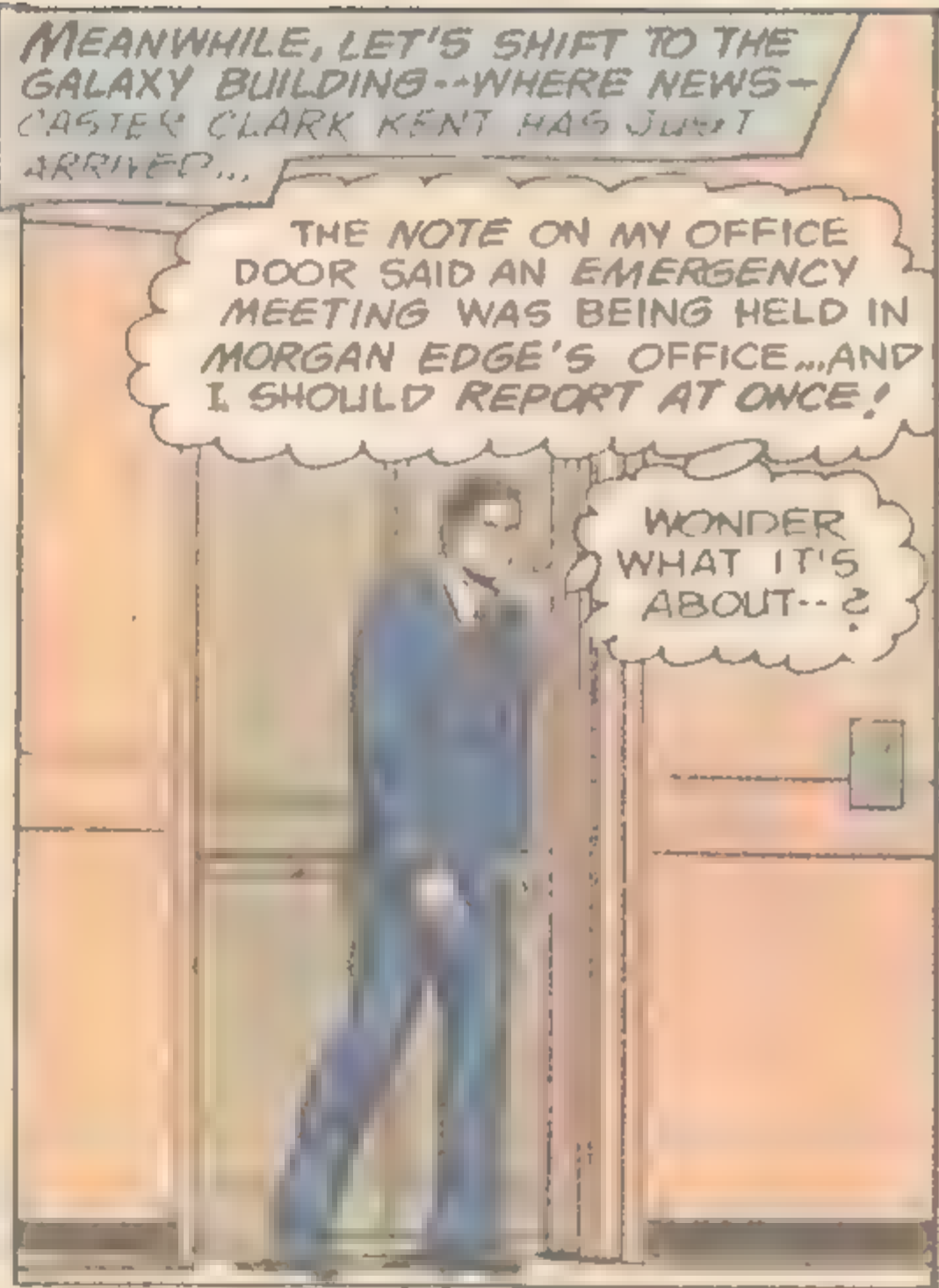


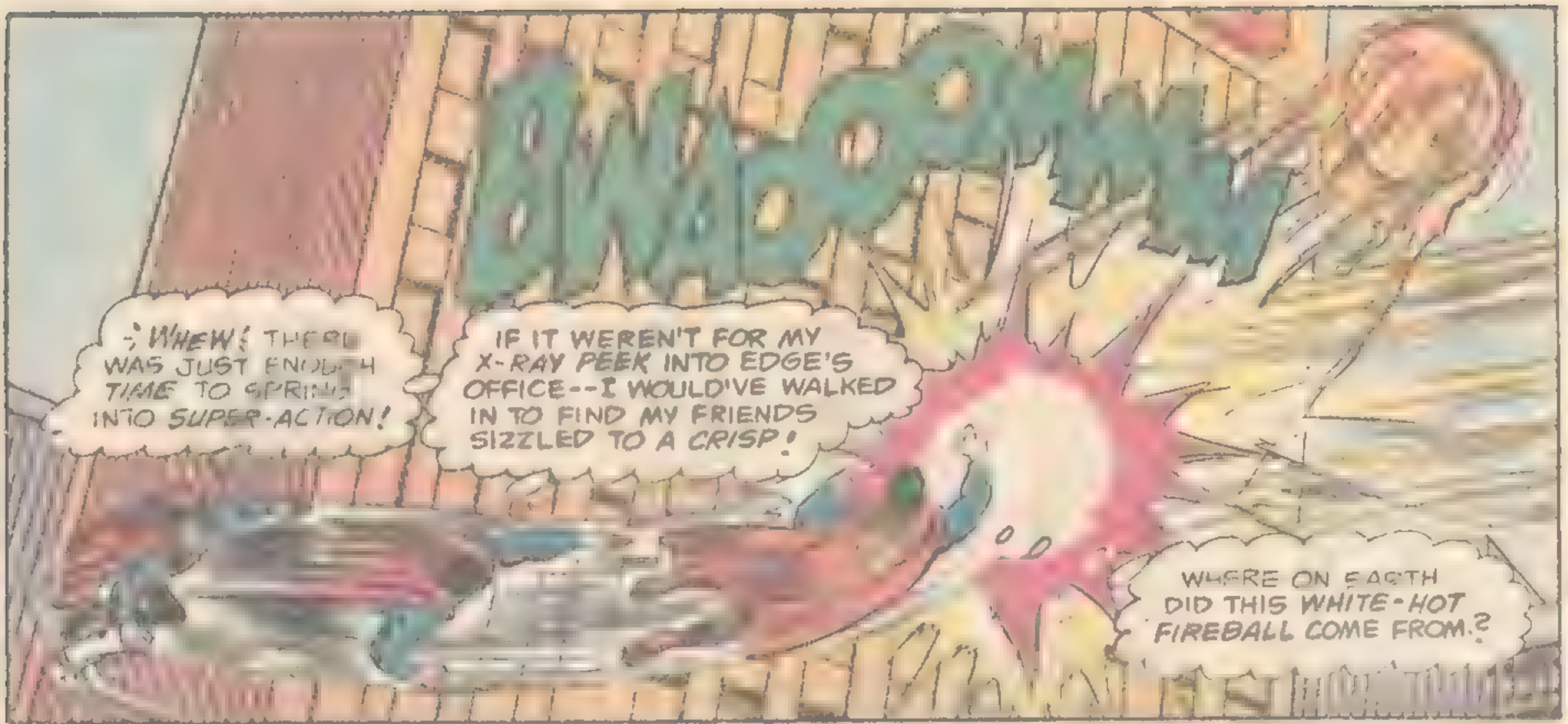
INCREDIBLE! THE ATOMIC STRUCTURE HAS BEEN SO DISRUPTED, IT'S STARTING TO PROPEL ITSELF THROUGH THE AIR--

--THROWING OFF MOLECULES IN ALL DIRECTIONS!

I WAS A CRIMINAL-- BUT NOT A KILLER! AND THIS THING COULD CAUSE A CITY-WIDE CATASTROPHE!







WHEW! THERE WAS JUST ENOUGH TIME TO SPRING INTO SUPER-ACTION!

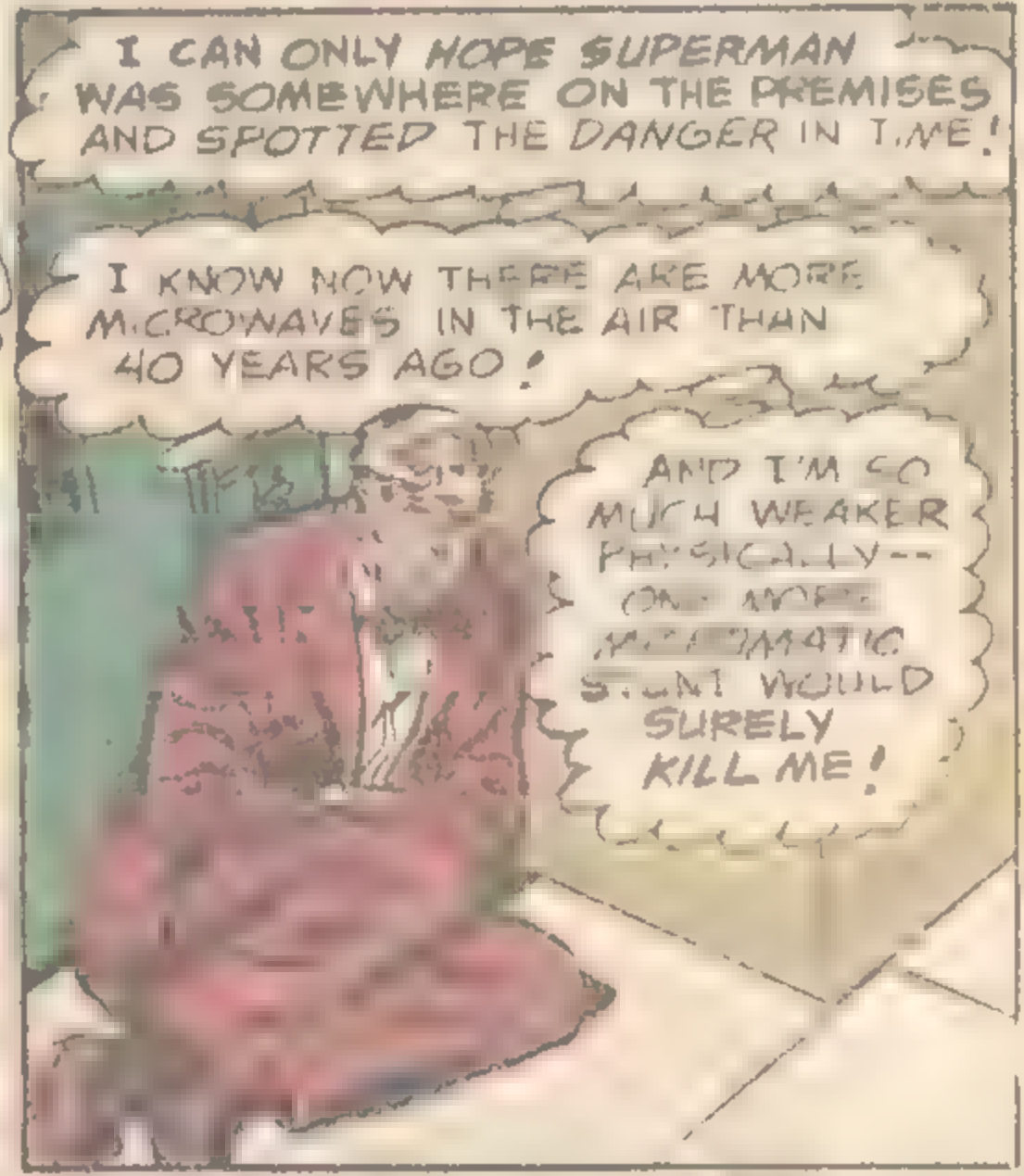
IF IT WEREN'T FOR MY X-RAY PEEK INTO EDGE'S OFFICE--I WOULD'VE WALKED IN TO FIND MY FRIENDS SIZZLED TO A CRISP!

WHERE ON EARTH DID THIS WHITE-HOT FIREBALL COME FROM?



THANKS TO MY SUPERMAN RESEARCH... I KNOW ABOUT HIS STRONG TIES WITH GALAXY COMMUNICATIONS!

ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T HALT THE FIREBALL... AT LEAST I COULD USE MY MICROBEAMS TO GUIDE IT TOWARD THE GALAXY BUILDING!



I CAN ONLY HOPE SUPERMAN WAS SOMEWHERE ON THE PREMISES AND SPOTTED THE DANGER IN TIME!

I KNOW NOW THERE ARE MORE MICROWAVES IN THE AIR THAN 40 YEARS AGO!

AND I'M SO MUCH WEAKER PHYSICALLY-- ON MY MECHANISTIC STUNT WOULD SURELY KILL ME!



AIDS HIS BADLY!

ONE THING I'VE ALWAYS LIKED ABOUT YOU, LUV, IS YOUR TIMING! SAYING WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU DIDN'T BEGIN TO COVER IT!

GREAT KRYPTON! THAT PHOTOGRAPH ON THE DESK--



-- I MET THIS OLD FELLOW A FEW DAYS AGO IN THE MOUNTAINS! HE WAS ON THE SCENE WHILE I ENCOUNTERED AN ALIEN SPACECRAFT!

DOES THE PHOTO MEAN YOU'RE DOING A STORY ON HIM?

TELL US, SUPERMAN...



...DID HE SEEM TO APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE... AND WAS HE DRIVING A VINTAGE CAR THAT SPARKLED LIKE NEW?

WHY, YES, PERRY-- BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?

HOLY COW! THEN LEWIS PADGETT WAS ABOARD A REAL UFO! HIS STORY IS TRUE!

**HOLY
TASTE BUDS!!
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YOU COULD WIN A TRIP TO GOTHAM AND APPEAR IN A SUPERHERO COMIC BOOK!

Okay, all you characters out there. Here's your big chance to be a real character. Comic-book style.

You don't have to buy anything. Or do anything, except to mail us the Famous Clark Bar Superhero Sweepstakes entry blank with your name and address.

To find out what could be in it for you, just read on.

FIRST PRIZE

If you're lucky enough to win the first prize, Clark will fly you and your family (limit of four people) to New York City and back.

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You'll have plenty of free time in Gotham, too. For seeing the Statue of Liberty, or taking boat rides, or just looking up at tall buildings a lot and saying "Wow!"

And, when your comic-book adventure is published, we'll send you 15 copies for your family and friends. They'll be proud to know a famous person like you.

SECOND PRIZE

If you're one of the 20 second-prize winners, you'll get your choice of Famous Superhero watches. Superman, Spider-Man, Wonder Woman, Batman, or (if your taste should happen to run to supervillains

instead) the Joker. The watches are Swiss-made, with full-color superhero pictures, and would normally sell for \$19.95 to \$23.95.

THIRD PRIZE

If you're one of 100 third-prize winners, we'll send you a year's subscription to your favorite DC or Marvel comic book. The Incredible Hulk, Red Sonja, Thor,

Green Lantern, Plastic Man, Captain America, Wonder Woman, Justice Society, Ms. Marvel, you name it. Even Little Lulu.

So find yourself a pen or pencil, fill in the entry blank (please print), and mail your entry to us before November 1, 1978.

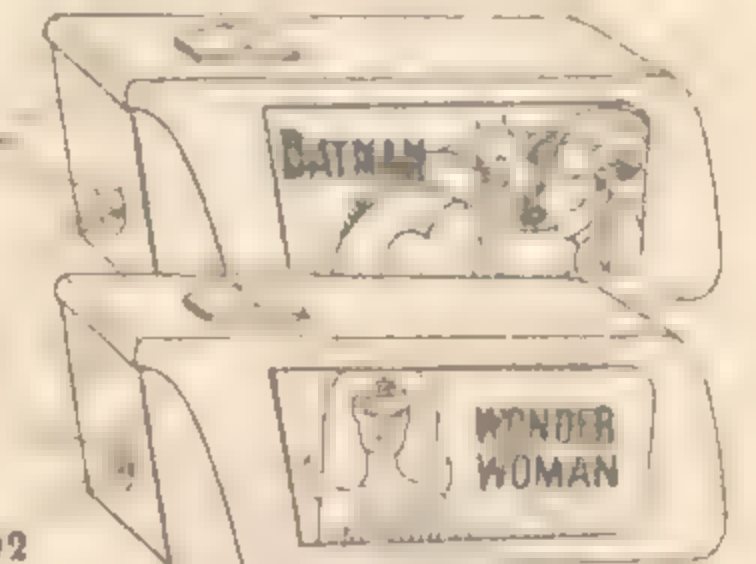
Who knows? It could make you as famous as the Famous Clark Bars.

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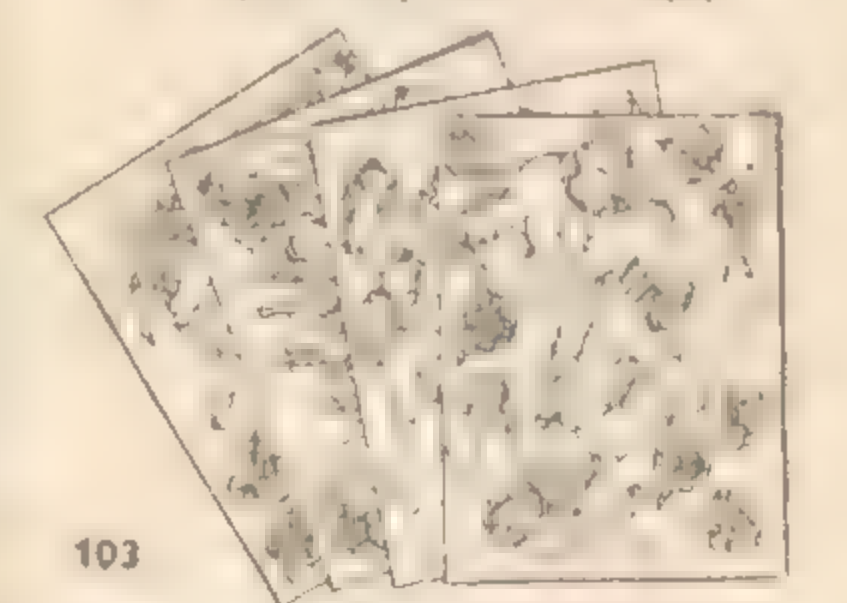
Okay. What you just read about was a contest. This isn't. What this is, is a terrific way to get Famous Superhero premiums any time you want them. By collecting wrappers from any of the Famous Clark and Holloway products. Clark, Crispy, Zagnut, Crunchy, Light, Peanut Butter Log, Milk Duds, Slo Poke, or Black Cow. Here's what you can get. The order blank is on the next page.



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ZING WINGS. Plastic flying saucer. Batman, Superman, or Spider-Man. Each, \$1.75 plus 2 wrappers.



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SUPERKITE. Look! Up in the sky! It's Spider-Man, in full color on a lightweight vinyl kite. \$2.50 plus 6 wrappers.



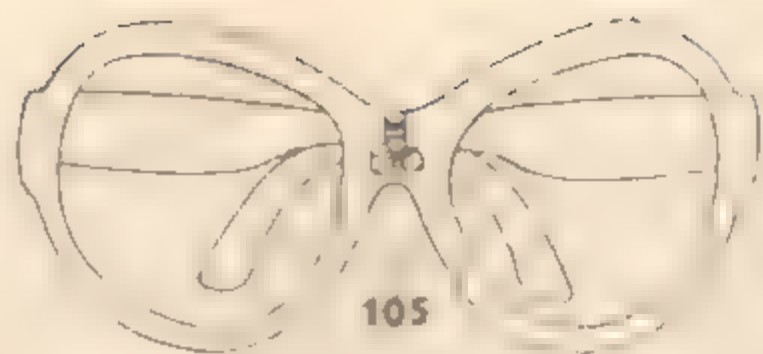
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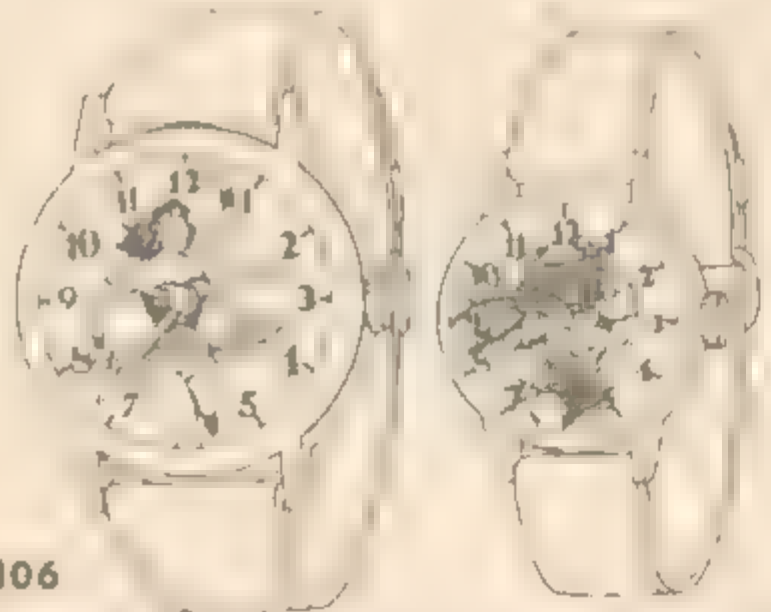
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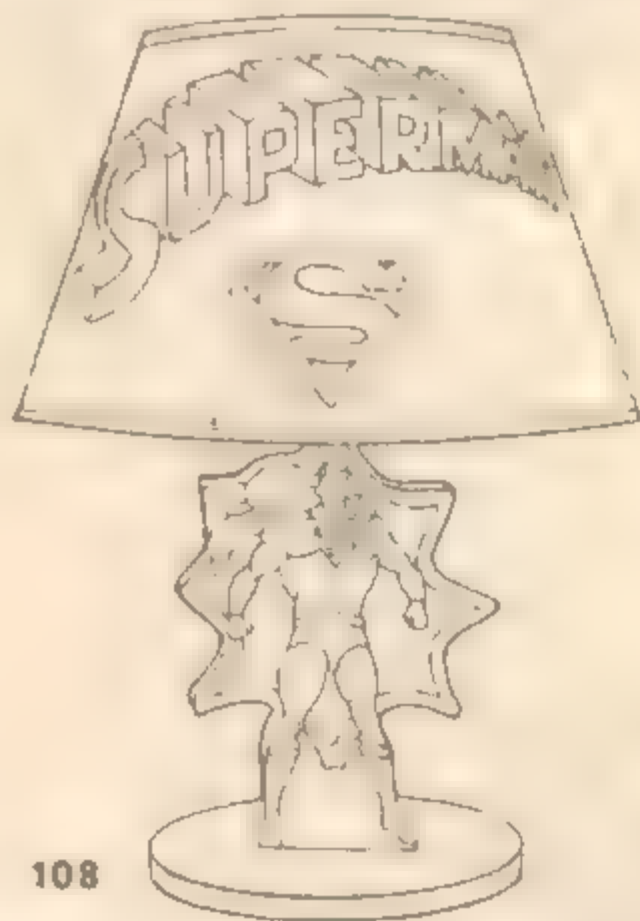
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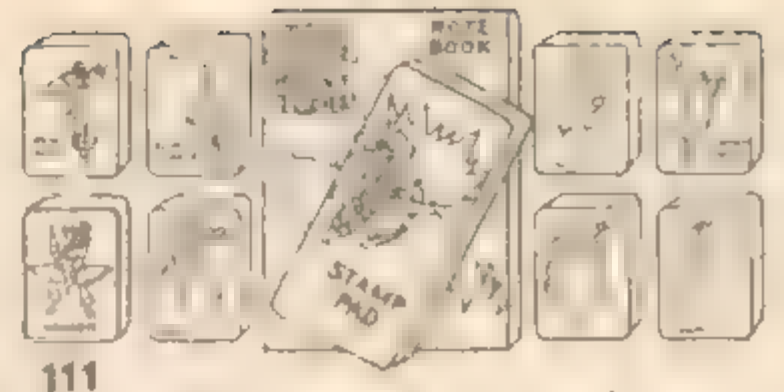
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WHAT A RELIEF TO KNOW ALL MY EQUIPMENT IS STILL INTACT AND FUNCTIONAL...

...JUST AS IT WAS THE DAY I SAID GOOD-BYE TO EARTH!

THE SAME DAY MICROWAVE MAN'S BRIEF-BUT-METEORIC CRIME-CAREER CAME TO A HALT!

AND IT WAS JUST AS WELL... I WAS GROWING BORED! THE POLICE WERE NO MATCH FOR ME...

...AND THERE WAS NO SUPERMAN AROUND THEN TO STAND UP TO ME! CHALLENGE ME!

DAILY PLANET
MICROWAVE MAN STORMS CITY



THE FIRST TIME I ACTIVATED EXPERIMENTAL ANTENNA 45-B...IN THE 1930'S... I HAD NO INKLING I WAS MAKING MICROWAVE CONTACT WITH THE ALIEN SPACESHIP THAT WAS TO BE MY HOME FOR OVER FORTY YEARS!

BUT THIS TIME I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING...

...AND MY ALIEN FRIENDS HAVE RESPONDED TO MY SIGNAL!

THEY PROMISED THEY'D REMAIN CLOSE BY FOR SEVERAL DAYS...IN CASE THERE WAS ANYTHING THEY COULD DO TO HELP ME READJUST TO EARTH-LIFE!

NO REQUEST IS BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF THEIR UNCANNY SUPER-SCIENCE! THEY CAN DO ANYTHING!

WHAT I'M MENTALLY ASKING FOR IS IMPOSSIBLE BY OUR STANDARDS--

--BUT MERE CHILD'S PLAY FOR THEM!

AND ONE SPECTACULAR, AWE-INSPIRING MOMENT LATER...

THANK YOU, GOOD FRIENDS! THE ADJUSTMENT IS COMPLETE!

YOU'VE ERASED FORTY YEARS OF AGING AND RETURNED ME TO MY YOUTHFUL PRIME!

NOW SUPERMAN AND MICROWAVE MAN CAN FINALLY MEET--AND I HAVE A FEELING THE EARTH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!

YOU WERE THERE, READERS--ON THE EVE OF THE DUEL OF THE CENTURY! NEXT ISSUE--THE FIGHT ITSELF!!
ON HAND WHEN "SUPERMAN BATTLES MICROWAVE MAN!" ON THE LAST WEEK IN JULY.



c/o DC COMICS, INC., 75 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019

Dear Editor:

The last time I picked up a **Superman** comic book was 17 years ago. I was 10 years old at the time and had over 2 years' worth of **Superman**, **Supergirl**, **Superboy** and related comics.

Now, all these years later, my 7-year-old daughter follows in her mother's footsteps and reads **Superman** avidly.

Recently I picked up one of her comics and as I read, I was transported back into the magical world of **Superman**. I was intrigued by the artwork, storyline (which was so modern) styles and situations of my favorite superhero. Now I am completely caught up again in the comic book world and wonder if this is a passing phase of a woman approaching 30.

I'm pleased to see, by the letters that your other readers seem to be around my age (as opposed to 10-year-olds) and that your stories are written for a wide age range, so as to be enjoyable to all. Even if I do have to grimace at the price, I still plan on reading every **Superman** comic I can find.

If you are wondering what happened to my comic book collection from long ago, I gave it to a cute, curly-headed boy I had a crush on. He never so much as thanked me and probably still has my now priceless collection!

Eileen M. Arnold
609 TCS Box 354
APO NY 09669

What a coincidence! I was 29 when I found a renewed interest in Superman—and within three years, I was in New York, working as a Superman editor! So here's one man to whom super-fandom was far from a passing phase!—E.N.B.

Dear Julius:

Can I be honest with you? I do not like **Superman**. For many years now, I have been involved with comics as an ardent fan, and when I became a discerning collector, I avoided the **Superman** publications as I would a plague. So when I accidentally received **ACTION COMICS** 480 in the mail, I figured I'd give it a try and let you know how a non-**Superman** fan feels.

To wit: The guy is much too powerful, Julie. One of the things that has repelled me is his vast array of powers. In particular, his so-called super-breath. I laugh whenever I read of this particular power. (I happen to be a long-time **JLA** fan despite Kal-El's appearances.) Although the reader must assume the position of suspended disbelief, I cannot accept **Superman's** super-breath. The capacity of his lungs is limited and he should not be able to exert the power you seem so fond of using. There are certain other powers of his which do not impress me at all (i.e., his various visions and his super-hearing), but I think you get the idea.

Now for some other specifics concerning the issue in

question. I happened to pick up a copy of #481 as well, since it is a continued story, and here we were given an opportunity to see Kal-El's brain power. Admittedly, the **Supermobile** is not the most original device, but it does illustrate **Superman's** ability to think, to improvise. But (there had to be a but) did the blasted material have to be called **supermanium**? That's trite, really trite.

Meanwhile, my friend, while my liking for **Superman** has not increased to the point where I'll buy any of his mags (although the **Impending** team mag sound like it might hook me), consider that my respect for you and your colleagues is tremendous. Peace, Julius.

Rick Bidard
3857 Howard
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Many thanks for that. Normally, we'd have been printing reactions to that next—and last—issue of the Amazo series this time around. But the new format means new schedules, and that issue isn't on sale yet as this is written. Hence this is in the nature of an "extra" column, filling in till the reactions do come.—E.N.B.

Gentlemen:

Since the July issue of **ACTION COMICS** is really the 40th anniversary of the book (DC moved its cover dates forward a few years ago), I hope this letter is received in time to be published in that issue's letter column.

This is a personal thank-you to all you men and women who have ever worked in the comics industry, for giving me 15 years of reading pleasure through your comics. For me, they opened a whole new world of fun, fantasy and adventure. They also helped me to appreciate that reading in general can be enjoyable. Authors such as Asimov, Tolkien, Christie, Doyle, and many others opened up a world where it was my turn to visualize how their creations might look.

Comics teach one how to use one's imagination. Some show the rights and wrongs of life, while others open up readers to a world that is not only beautiful, but also ugly at the same time. Comics can help one cope with the problems of everyday life by showing that sometimes winning is losing and vice-versa.

This letter is for Jerry and Joe, without whose creation comics might never have survived. This is also for Julius, Nelson, and all who have continued to make comics a thriving business as well as a pleasure to read. But most of all, I would like to thank my parents, who, unlike many others, never gave me any static about collecting comics as long as I maintained good school grades.

Even though I'm a junior in college now, I still get excited when I read a comic story that is able to capture the feeling of life.

Congratulations on the 40th anniversary of **Superman** and **ACTION COMICS**. May you all live to see the 100th anniversary.

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You missed the July issue, and we had another of your letters for August, so we had to save this one for September. And for those who figured the 40th anniversary issue of a monthly mag should be #481, we should point out that four Supergirl Giants were numbered as issues of ACTION.—E. Nelson Bridwell

ATOM



AT LONG LAST IT'S HAPPENED!
JEAN LORING FINALLY SAID YES
AND BECAME MRS. RAY PALMER! *

NOW, SHARING HER SCIENTIST-HUSBAND'S
SECRET, THE NEWLYWEDS RETURN TO GIANT
CAVERNS, THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE ATOM!
BUT IT IS A VISIT FRAUGHT WITH DEADLY
DANGER-- WHICH THREATENS TO TURN RAY
PALMER, NEWLYWED, INTO RAY PALMER,
WIDOWER... A RESULT OF THE...

MINIATURE WAR

OF THE BAT- KNIGHTS!

*AS DEPICTED IN JUSTICE LEAGUE #157-- JULIE

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ALEX SAVILUK and *
FRANCISCO CHIARAMONTE

- LETTERER -
MILT,
CHAPIN *

- COLORIST -
JERRY
SERIE

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JULIE
SCHWARTZ

OH, DARLING -- I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY MARRIED!

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE IT?! I'M THE ONE WHO PROPOSED ABOUT 200 TIMES BEFORE YOU SAID YES!

214... TO BE EXACT!

COUNT DOWN TO

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY THAT WE FIRST CAME HERE...

YES...AND AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED SINCE THEN, IT FEELS MORE LIKE A CENTURY AGO...

THIS'LL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER ROCK SAMPLES! I SUGGEST WE EXPLORE THE UNDERGROUND CAVES!

STAND BACK! PART OF THE CEILING'S CAVING IN -- GOING TO BLOCK THE PASSAGEWAY!

ONLY AN ANT COULD FIT THROUGH --AN ANT?!? THAT GIVES ME A WILD IDEA!!!

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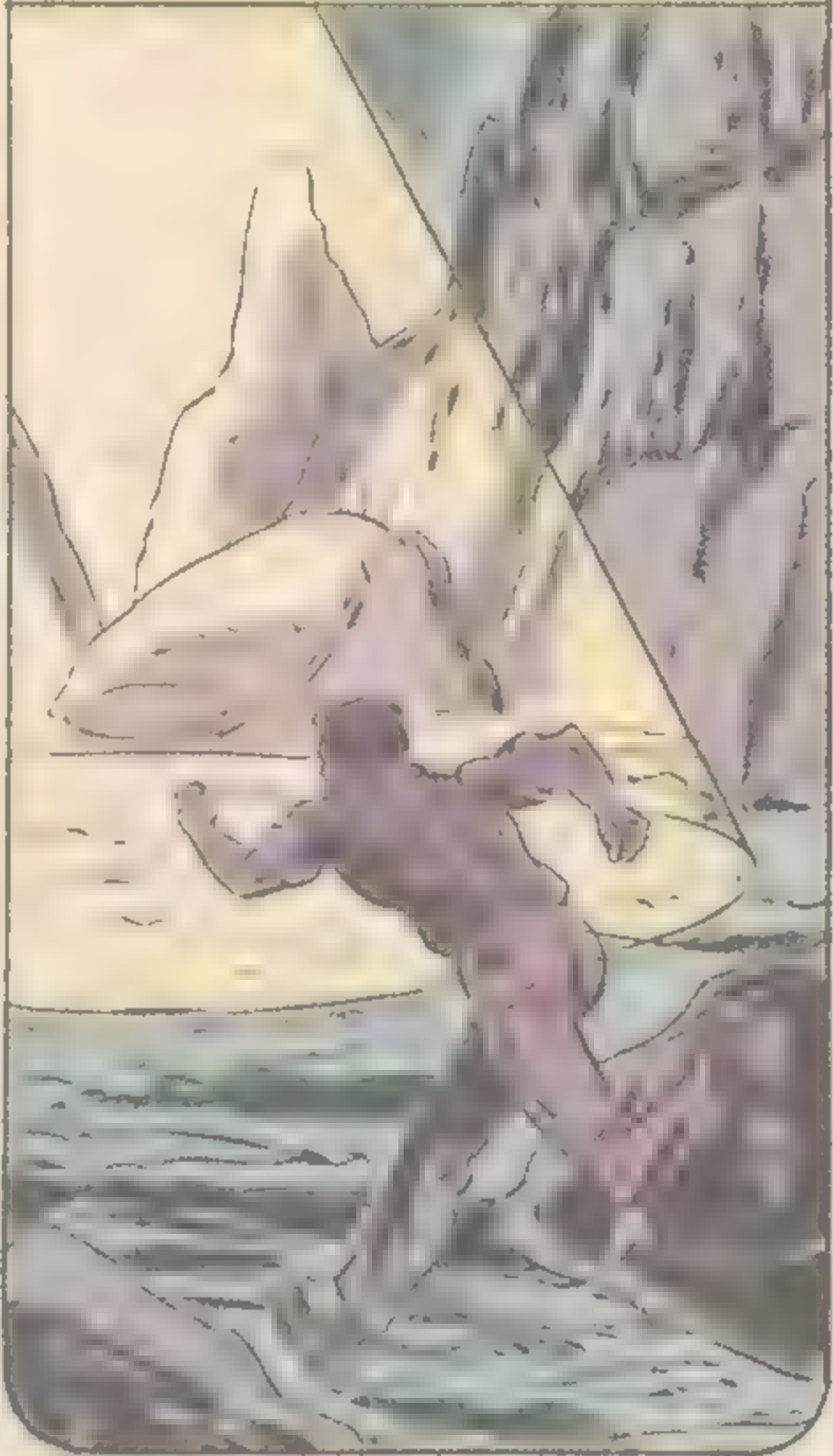


"TWO... IS... THE... EN...
NEXT... TO... B...
... ALWAYS... IN...
... "

THE DIAMOND'S SO
MUCH HARDER THAN
THE ROCK, IT'S
CUTTING THROUGH
WITH EASE!



SHOCK-WAVES BEGAN
... THROUGH MY BODY
AS I RAN BACK TO THE BEAM
... FLASHING THROUGH
... LENS ... "



BUT INSTEAD OF EXPLODING
AS I FEARED... I RETURNED
TO NORMAL SIZE-- LIKE SO!

AFTER WHICH YOU
CAME BACK FOR THE
REST OF US AND LED
US TO THE "ESCAPE-
HATCH" YOU MADE!



THIS IS ALL SO
FASCINATING,
DARLING!

FASCINATING INDEED, JEAN--

-- BUT MUCH MORE FASCINATING
TO THESE UNSEEN OBSERVERS...

YOU SAW,
VARO LANN--
THE TALL ONE
IS ABLE TO
CHANGE SIZE?



YES, IWIN GANN! AND
WITH HIS ABILITIES, WE OF
ELVARA COULD RETURN TO
THE OUTSIDE WORLD--
AND DOMINATE IT!

FOR THE UNINITIATED, THESE TWO
OBSERVERS ARE BAT-KNIGHTS--

-- MEMBERS OF A
RACE OF TINY
PEOPLE WHO LIVE
DEEP IN GIANT
CAVERNS! FORCED
TO RETREAT
UNDERGROUND
CENTURIES EARLIER,
WHEN THE "TALL
PEOPLE" HUNTED
THEM, THE
INHABITANTS OF
ELVARA HAVE
AN INBORN
HATRED OF
THEIR LARGE
COUNTERPARTS--
A HATRED WHICH
DRIVES THEM TO...



... KILL! KILL!
THE TALL ONES!



BAT-
KNIGHTS?
DOWN,
JEAN--
DOWN!



RAY-- IT'S THOSE SAME TINY WARRIORS WE FOUGHT THE LAST TIME! *

I THOUGHT THEY WERE YOUR FRIENDS!

*BACK IN THE ATOM #30.-- JULIE



--FRIENDS OF THE ATOM!

MAYBE THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE ME AS RAY PALMER...

STOOOSH!
KLIK!
KLIK!



...BUT I'LL MAKE SURE THEY REMEMBER--

--THE ATOM!



BY SWITCHING ON MY FULL 180- POUND WEIGHT--

KLIK!

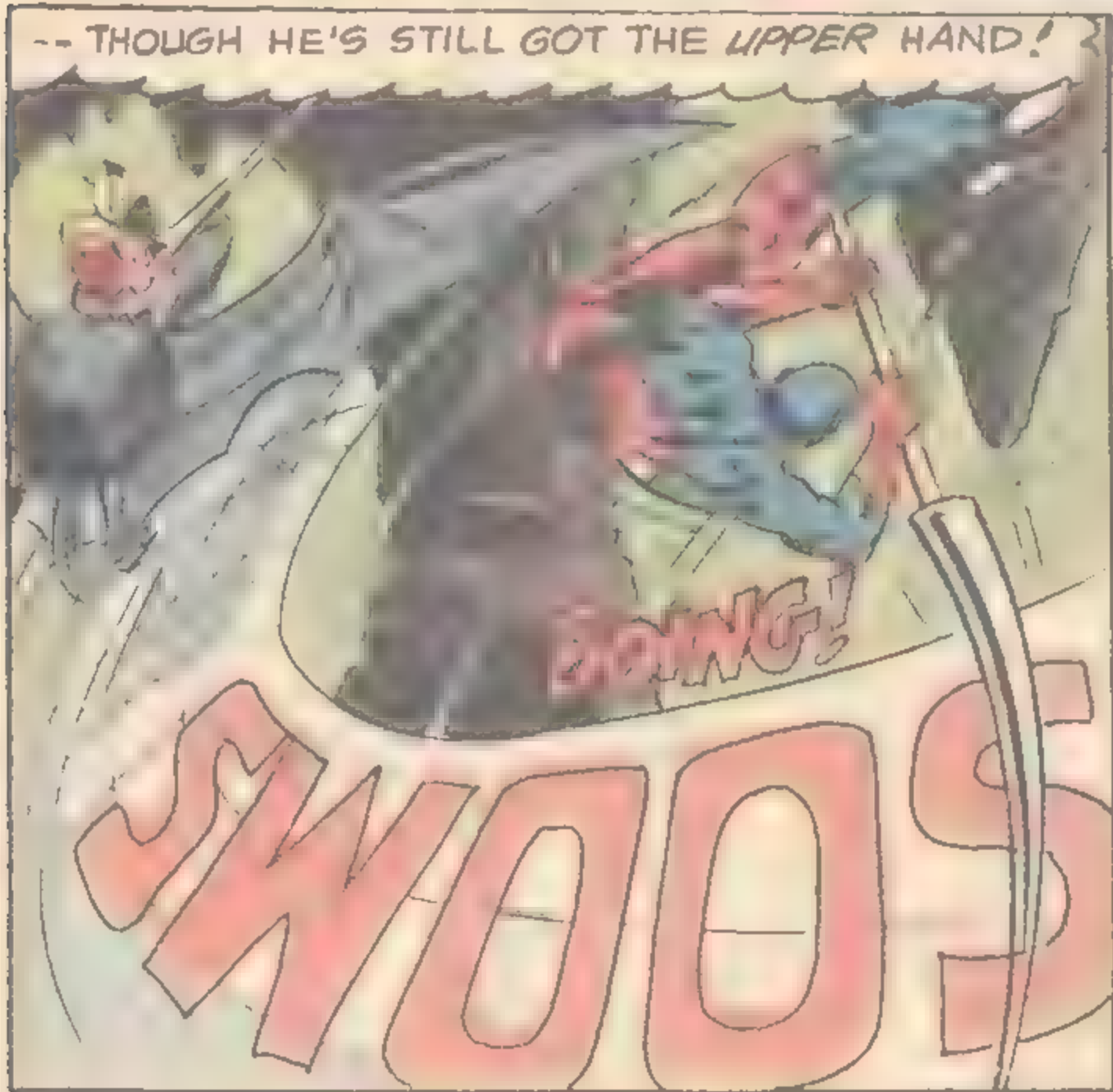


--I'LL COME DOWN HARD- AND-FAST ON THIS GUY... LIKE A BAT OUT OF HELL!



IT'S BACK TO
FLYING SCHOOL
FOR YOU TWO!

WITH THIS LANCE IN MY HANDS,
THE FIGHT'S A BIT
MORE EVEN--



-- THOUGH HE'S STILL GOT THE UPPER HAND!

BOING!



STILL-- I CAN DO SOME "FLYING" OF MY
OWN... WITHOUT A BAT!

JUST HAVE TO
REDUCE MY WEIGHT
TO PRACTICALLY NIL!



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AT 'EM!



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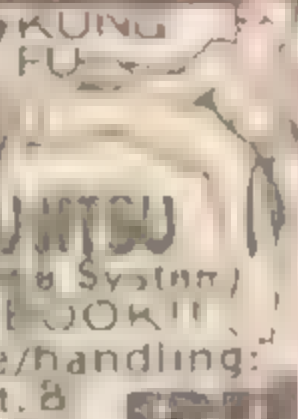
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JEAN?! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HER?

NOTHING... YET-- AND WE WILL REFRAIN FROM HARMING HER-- PROVIDED YOU REVEAL THE SECRET OF YOUR SIZE-VARIATION TO US!

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NEITHER! WE WILL NOT BE CHANGED ATOM--

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HOW DO I KNOW SHE IS REALLY YOUR PRISONER? WHAT PROOF IS THERE THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY KILLED HER?

YOU NEED EVIDENCE --



-- THIS WILL SUFFICE!

JEAN'S ENGAGEMENT RING!

THEN YOU HAVE HARMED HER! JEAN WOULD NEVER REMOVE IT WILLINGLY!



IT WAS DONE WHILE SHE WAS STUNNED! SHE IS WELL NOW-- BUT UNABLE TO ESCAPE OUR TRAP!

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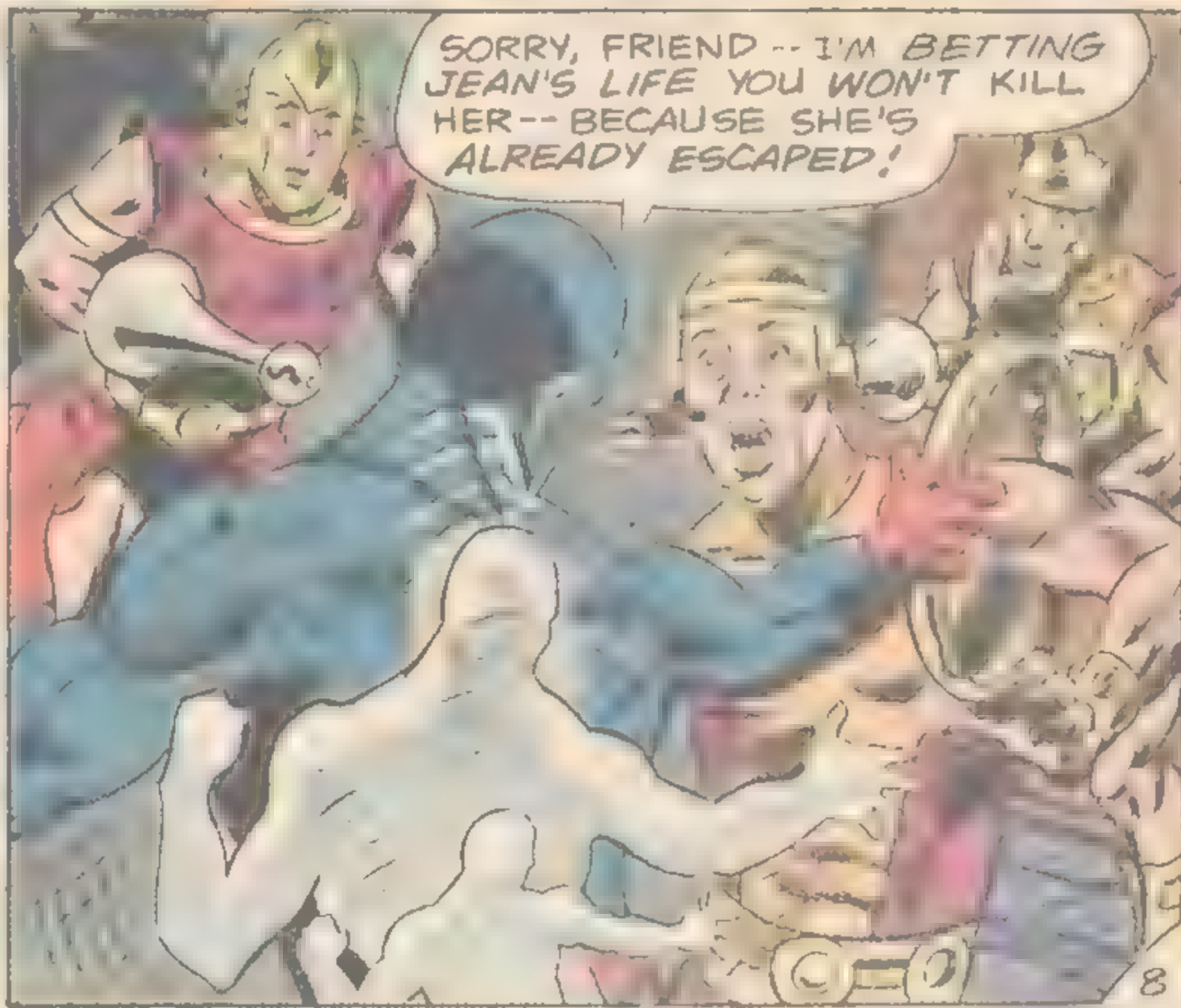
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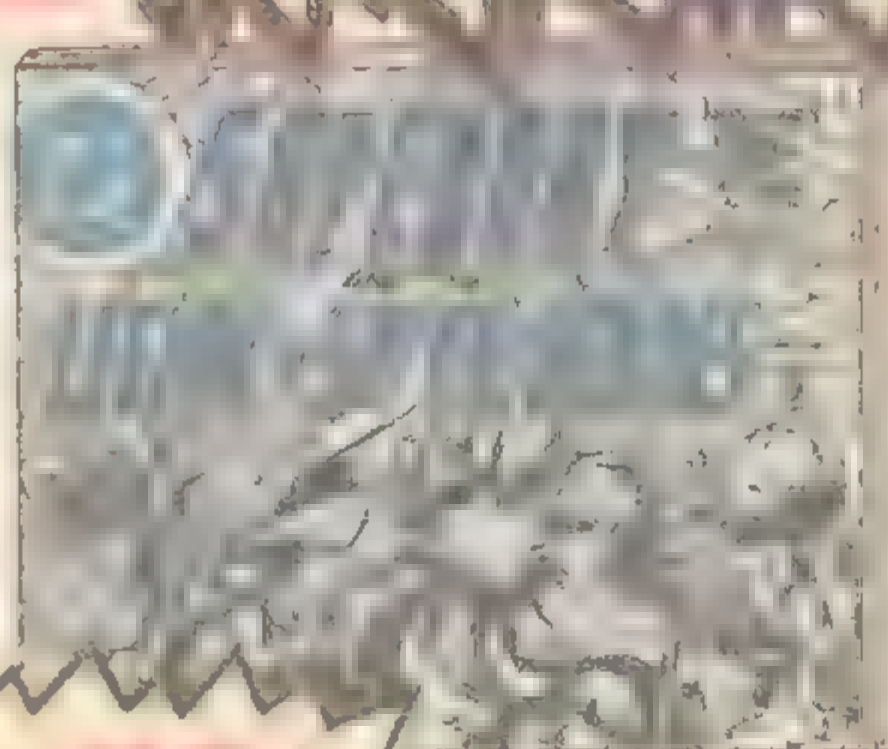
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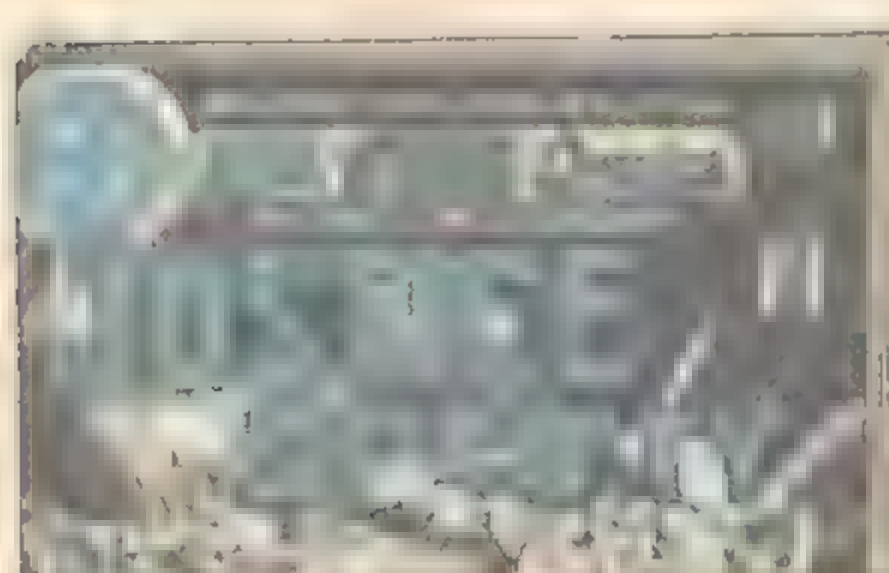
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RAY! THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE--

BUT NOT YET SECURE!



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AND AFTER FAST, STRENUOUS WORK AND AN EQUALLY SWIFT EXPLANATION...

WHEW! THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM CONFINED TO THEIR OWN LITTLE DOMAIN!

I CERTAINLY HOPE SO-- THE WORLD WOULD BE HELPLESS IF THEY HAD YOUR POWER!



WHICH BRINGS UP AN IMPORTANT QUESTION, RAY! WEREN'T YOU RISKING MY LIFE WHEN YOU ESCAPED FROM THEM?

AFTER ALL, YOU COULDN'T BE SURE THEY DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ME CAPTIVE!



OH, I WAS SURE, ALL RIGHT-- AS SOON AS I SAW THE ENGAGEMENT RING THEY'D TAKEN WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS!

I KNEW THEY COULDN'T KEEP YOU PRISONER WHEN THEY SEALED THE CAVERN'S ENTRANCE--

--BECAUSE YOU KNEW THERE WAS ANOTHER SECRET WAY OUT--THE "ESCAPE-HATCH"!



YOU WERE HERE WHEN I FIRST MADE IT-- WITH THAT RING!

AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE KNOWN AS THE WORLD'S SMALLEST SUPER-HERO!

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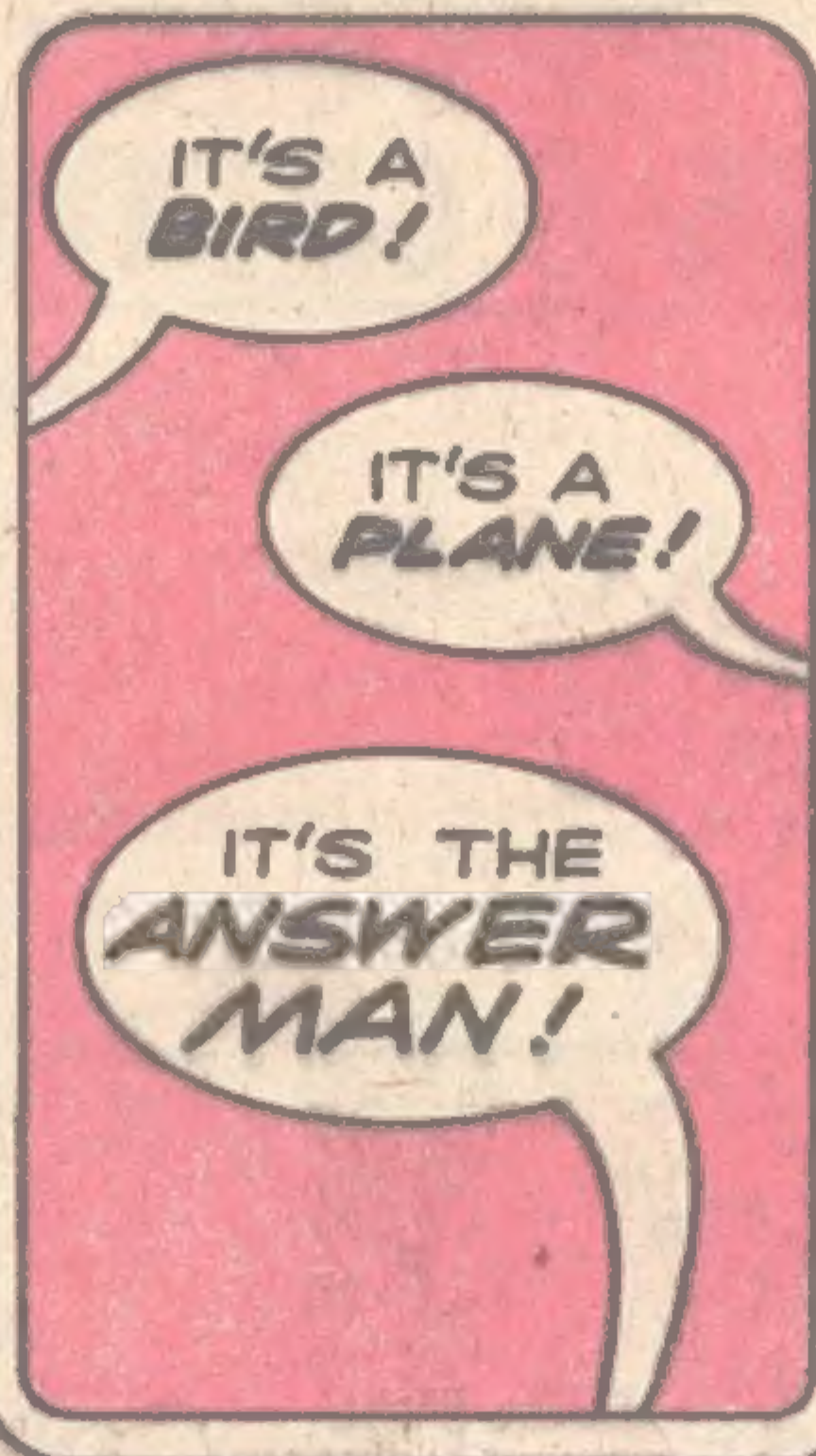
Q: What does Diana (*Wonder Woman*) Prince of Earth-1 do for a living?—Larry Gilbert. **A:** Until recently, she worked for the United Nations, but writer Jack C. Harris says she'll soon begin training as an astronaut.

Q: Does Irv Novick draw for *BOY'S LIFE* magazine?—Chris Khalaf. **A:** In addition to his *Flash*-epics, Irv does work for *BOY'S LIFE*!

Q: How did Ralph (*Elongated Man*) Dibny become independently wealthy?—R. John Unger, Jr. **A:** By performing his rubbery feats in shows!

Q: Why is Speedy such a wise guy?—Stephen Tabb. **A:** Because people ask him questions like that!

Q: How many issues of *THE ATOM*, *HAWKMAN*, *SANDMAN*, and *FIRST ISSUE SPECIAL* were there?—John Calhoun. **A:** *ATOM* ran #1-38 and *HAWKMAN* #1-27, then were combined as *THE ATOM & HAWKMAN* #39-45. *SANDMAN* numbered 1-6 and there were 13 *FIRST ISSUE SPECIALS*!



Q: Some years ago, there were *GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW* paperback books. How can I get copies?—Danny Edwards. **A:** Both of

those books are long out of print. You might try a back-issue comic dealer for copies. And by the way, keep an eye out for paperback editions of *BATMAN*, *JUSTICE LEAGUE*, *SUPERMAN* and other DC characters ... now on sale.

Q: Are the *Wonder Twins* going to get their own comic book?—Ken Maddalena. **A:** Not their own book, but a feature in *SUPER FRIENDS*!

Q: Why does Luthor hate *Superman* so much?—Abraham Saleh. **A:** They were friends as boys until a lab accident trapped Lex. When *Superboy* rescued him, his actions caused Lex's hair to fall out ... something that Luthor has never forgiven the Man of Steel for.

Q: Who is *Uncle Sam*?—David Kainmalls. **A:** The spirit of America!

Q: What planet does *Captain Marvel* live on?—Bradley Kirsch. **A:** Earth-S.

Q: How do you find time to answer all the questions that are sent to you?—Robbie LaSala. **A:** If I ever figure it out, I'll let you know!

It's fascinating to watch *Jose Luis Garcia Lopez* talk about his work. Normally a reserved, quiet man when he begins talking about his drawing, his face lights up and his eyes sparkle with the intensity of a man who truly loves what he is doing.

A love for what you do, that's the key. Jose's love for art has been the major force in his life. It ultimately drew him to New York and DC Comics where today he regularly pencils *DC Comics Presents*, special assignments, and a wide variety of covers.

Jose was born in Spain in 1948 and grew up in Argentina where he studied under the famed European artist Alberto Braccla. Alex Raymond's work on Rip Kirby and Flash Gordon were also major influences for the budding artist.

In 1973, Jose decided he wanted to work in New York and contacted a

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**jose luis
garcia
lopez**

friend of his, DC artist Luis Dominguez, for advice. He spent a year studying English and arrived in New York in November 1974. At DC, Joe Orlando liked Jose's portfolio and gave him an inking assignment.

Jose has been drawing for DC

ever since. Among his credits are last year's *Superman Vs. Wonder Woman* tabloid, a number of issues of *Jonah Hex*, the Kid Flash chapter of this year's *Flash Spectacular*, the *Superman-Batman* team-up in the first Dollar Comics issue of *World's Finest*, and of course, *DC Comics Presents*.

It's the kind of work which carries its own rewards. "When you do a good job, you feel it," he says. "And when other people—the reader, the editor, other artists—see in it the same things that you see in it—that's the most rewarding thing about my job."

What advice does he have for an aspiring comic book artist? "You have to work hard—develop a fresh approach, a new perspective. And you have to love what you are doing. That's the best way to learn anything.

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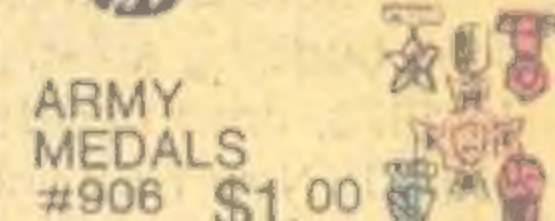
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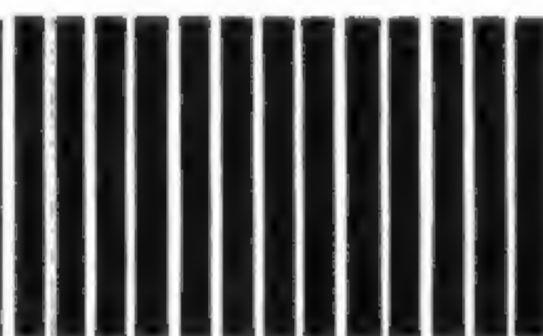
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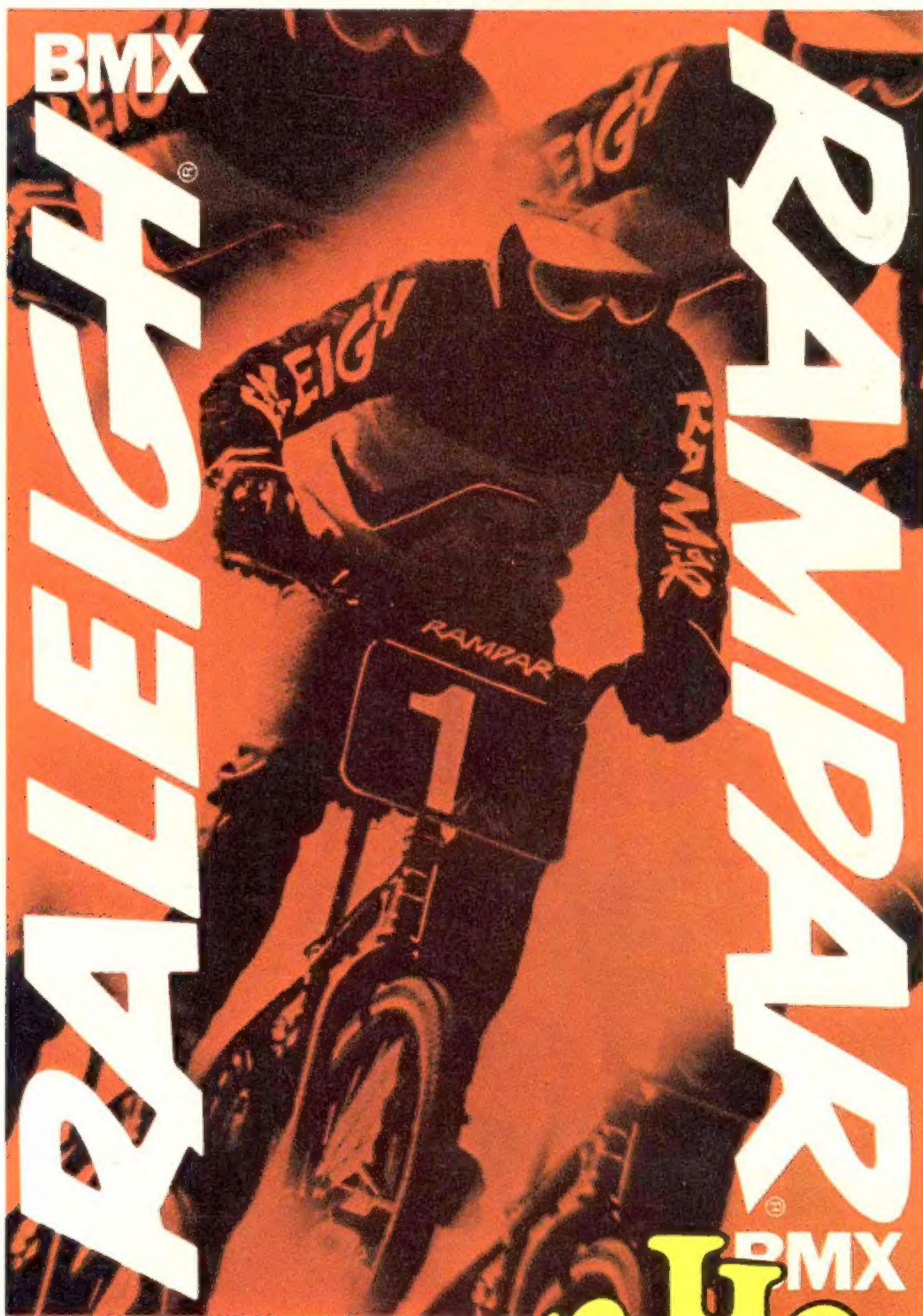
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